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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report is submitted in the context of actions taken or expected to be taken by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council regarding special political missions, including good offices and preventive diplomacy and post-conflict peacebuilding missions, on the basis of requests from Governments and/or recommendations of the Secretary-General.

It contains the proposed resource requirements for 2019 for 37 special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, as presented in detail in the addenda to the present report (A/73/352/Add.1, A/73/352/Add.2 and A/73/352/Add.2/Corr.1, A/73/352/Add.3, A/73/352/Add.4, A/73/352/Add.5 and A/73/352/Add.6).

The present report also includes a provision amounting to $595,500 to cover the share of special political missions for the financing of the budget of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, in line with paragraph 10 (c) of General Assembly resolution 72/286, for the services that the Centre provides to the special political missions.

The present report also includes a provision amounting to $595,500 to cover the share of special political missions for the financing of the budget of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, in line with paragraph 10 (c) of General Assembly resolution 72/286, for the services that the Centre provides to the special political missions.

The total estimated resource requirements set out in the present report amount to $665,543,700 net ($708,642,400 gross). Of this requirement, an amount of $476,091,300 (net of staff assessment) would be charged against the balance in an equivalent amount remaining in the provision of $1,109,612,900 appropriated for

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special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019.

The General Assembly is requested to approve the remaining amount of $196,262,400 net ($208,971,800 gross), in additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019, taking into account the estimated overexpenditure in 2018 amounting to $6,810,000.

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I. Introduction

1. The purpose of the present report is to seek funding for the second year of the biennium 2018–2019 for 37 special political missions, in connection with actions taken or expected to be taken by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council on the basis of requests from Member States and/or recommendations of the Secretary-General.

2. Two new missions were established in 2018, namely, the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, established by the Security Council in its resolution 2379 (2017), and the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar, established by the General Assembly in its resolution 72/248.

3. Pursuant to section XXII, paragraph 17, of General Assembly resolution 72/262 A, the budget of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities, and the budget of the Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1904 (2009) are being presented separately.

4. The resource requirements for one special political mission, namely, the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar, whose mandate emanates from the General Assembly and whose requirements are included in the present report in order to consolidate the overall resource requirements for all special political missions, will also be brought to the attention of the Assembly in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.

5. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/263 A, on the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, a biennial provision in the amount of $1,109.6 million is appropriated under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for special political missions. The utilization of the provision for 2018 and its balance is contained in annex I to the present report.

A. Status of the extension or renewal of mandates

6. The mandates of the majority of the special political missions included in the present report have been renewed or extended into 2019, and requests for the extension or renewal of the mandates of the remaining missions are before, or are anticipated to be renewed by, the General Assembly or the Security Council.

7. Information on the status of the 37 missions whose requirements are included in the present report is provided below:

(a) The following 14 missions have open-ended mandates:

(i) Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus;

(ii) Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide;

(iii) Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara;

(iv) Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004);

(v) United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions;

(vi) Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria;

(vii) Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan;

(viii) Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region;

(ix) Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen;

(x) Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi;

(xi) Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar;

(xii) United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia;

(xiii) Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon;

(xiv) United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission;

(b) The following 22 missions have mandates expiring in 2019 or later:

(i) Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

(ii) Panel of Experts on the Sudan;

(iii) Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;

(iv) Panel of Experts on Libya;

(v) Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic;

(vi) Panel of Experts on Yemen;

(vii) Panel of Experts on South Sudan;

(viii) Panel of Experts on Mali;

(ix) Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities;

(x) Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution 1904 (2009);

(xi) Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015);

(xii) Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction;

(xiii) Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate;

(xiv) United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant;

(xv) United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL);

(xvi) United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS);

(xvii) United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNIOGBIS);

(xviii) United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM);

(xix) United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa (UNOCA);

(xx) United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA);

(xxi) United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI);

(xxii) United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia;

(c) The mandate of the Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea expires in December 2018 but is expected to be extended.

B. Missions established, completed or discontinued in 2018

8. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/248, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions relating to Myanmar, involving all relevant stakeholders and including the concerns addressed in the resolution, and in that regard to appoint a special envoy on Myanmar and to offer assistance to the Government of Myanmar, the Secretary-General appointed a Special Envoy on Myanmar on 26 April 2018. The 2018 resource requirements for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar were approved in the context of a statement of programme budget implications relating to resolution 72/248.

9. In its resolution 2379 (2017), the Security Council requested the Secretary-General to establish an Investigative Team, headed by a Special Adviser, to support domestic efforts to hold Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) (Da'esh) accountable by collecting, preserving and storing evidence in Iraq of acts that may amount to war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide committed by the terrorist group ISIL (Da'esh) in Iraq. Following the approval by the Council of the terms of reference of the Investigative Team on 14 February 2018, the Secretary-General appointed a Special Adviser to head the Investigative Team. On 15 August 2018, the Secretary-General informed the Council that the Investigative Team would begin its work on 20 August 2018 (see S/2018/773). The 2018 requirements for the Investigative Team are being met through the use of the provisions relating to the maintenance of peace and security of General Assembly resolution 72/264 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2018–2019.

C. Organization of the reports on the budgets of special political missions

10. As in the past, the budget proposals for special political missions for 2019 are organized in thematic clusters, while the budgets for larger missions, namely, UNAMA and UNAMI, are presented in separate addenda to the present report, as follows:

(a) Thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys, advisers and representatives of the Secretary-General (A/73/352/Add.1);

(b) Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other entities and mechanisms (A/73/352/Add.2 and A/73/352/Add.2/Corr.1 and A/73/352/Add.6);

(c) Thematic cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions (A/73/352/Add.3);

(d) UNAMA (A/73/352/Add.4);

(e) UNAMI (A/73/352/Add.5).

11. Efforts continue to be made to adapt and follow as closely as is practical the format and presentation of budgets for peacekeeping operations in presenting the budgets for special political missions.

12. Similar to the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, indicators of achievement that have only numerical performance measures continue to be presented

in tabular format. The presentation of performance measures in tabular format includes information across four years (2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019) to allow for the comparison of longer-term trends. For indicators of achievement that have performance measures that are qualitative and formulated in text form, the presentation format of the proposed budgets for 2016 has been maintained (see A/70/348 and addenda).

D. Performance information for 2018

13. In 2018, special political missions continued to play a critical role in supporting Member States in the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts. While the operating environment for several of these missions has continued to deteriorate, thus increasing the challenges related to the implementation of their respective mandates, special political missions have made a significant contribution to the maintenance of international peace and security.

14. The Special Envoys and Advisers of the Secretary-General continued to offer good offices and facilitate complex negotiations. In the Great Lakes region, the Office of the Special Envoy continued to support the signatory countries to the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region in its implementation; in particular, engagement by the Special Envoy, in cooperation with the guarantor institutions, led to the launch of the follow-up mechanism on the repatriation of disarmed combatants. In Myanmar, the Secretary-General appointed his Special Envoy, who has carried out regular consultations with all the relevant stakeholders in order to fully implement her mandate. A key achievement in 2018 has been the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Government of Myanmar, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on United Nations system support for creating conditions for voluntary, safe and sustainable refugee returns from Bangladesh, and their reintegration in Rakhine State. In the Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen, despite the continuation of conflict, the respective Special Envoys continued to work closely with the parties to relaunch a political process.

15. The various sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels continued to provide substantive support to the Security Council in the implementation of its respective sanctions regimes.

16. The three United Nations regional offices, for West Africa and the Sahel, Central Africa and Central Asia, continued to promote dialogue activities and support Member States in their respective regions, and to promote regional cooperation on transboundary issues.

17. In Somalia, UNSOM supported the Federal Government in shaping and implementing a comprehensive three-year Somali road map on inclusive politics, which includes: (a) the provision of sound political analysis, expertise and facilitation to advance inclusive State-building processes; (b) strengthening federalism; and (c) advancing constitutional review and reconciliation. In Iraq, UNAMI promoted the normalization of relations between the federal Government in Baghdad and the Kurdistan Regional Government in Erbil. In Afghanistan, UNAMA continued to use its good offices, convening power and technical expertise to support efforts at both the national and subnational level, including in the context of the Kabul Process for Peace and Security Cooperation in Afghanistan.

E. Operational environment and key policy issues related to special political missions

1. Restructuring of the United Nations peace and security pillar

18. In October 2017, the Secretary-General submitted a proposal for the restructuring of the peace and security architecture of the Secretariat on the basis of recommendations of the internal review team (see A/72/525). In its resolution 72/199, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly, as soon as possible, a comprehensive report on his peace and security pillar reform proposal. That report was submitted in March 2018 (A/72/772). In section III of its resolution 72/262 C, the Assembly endorsed the establishment of the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and the Department of Peace Operations. These new departments will replace the existing Department of Political Affairs and Department of Peacekeeping Operations on 1 January 2019.

19. With regard to special political missions, the General Assembly decided to assign lead responsibility for UNAMA and UNAMI to the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs. As a consequence, the Department will have lead responsibility for the substantive backstopping of all special political missions.

2. Strengthening conflict prevention

20. Since taking office, and aware that the human and financial costs of crises have become unsustainable, the Secretary-General has stressed his commitment to placing prevention at the core of the work of the United Nations. In particular, he has underscored the importance of taking a holistic, coherent and coordinated approach across the entire system in support of prevention. He has also highlighted that the best way to prevent societies from descending into crisis is to ensure that they are resilient through investment in inclusive and sustainable development, including concerted climate action and management of mass migration.

21. In January 2018, the Secretary-General issued his report on peacebuilding and sustaining peace (A/72/707–S/2018/43) in follow-up to the twin resolutions on the review of the peacebuilding architecture adopted by the General Assembly and the Security Council (Assembly resolution 70/262 and Council resolution 2282 (2016)). At the high-level meeting of General Assembly on peacebuilding and sustaining peace, held from 24 to 26 April 2018, Member States further reiterated their support for a comprehensive approach to prevention and adopted two parallel resolutions in the Assembly and the Council (Assembly resolution 72/276 and Council resolution 2413 (2018)). In these resolutions and their continuing discussions, Member States have reiterated their commitment to supporting the work of the United Nations to prevent the outbreak, escalation, continuation and recurrence of conflict. These commitments have reinforced the importance of the United Nations working along the conflict cycle and employing an array of tools, including special political missions. In this context, Member States have recognized the important role of the special political mission as a flexible tool for the maintenance of international peace and security, including through contributing to a comprehensive approach to peacebuilding and sustaining peace (see Assembly resolution 72/89).

3. Women and peace and security in special political missions

22. The implementation of the women and peace and security agenda, in line with relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolution 1325 (2000), remains a critical aspect of the work of the special political missions. In their area of activities, these missions help to operationalize existing mandates and frameworks for the implementation of this agenda. In particular, gender advisers remain active in a range

of special political missions and help to mainstream women and peace and security issues across the work of the missions. In February 2018, the Department of Political Affairs held a workshop gathering 17 field-based gender advisers and gender focal points serving in special political missions to discuss good practices and challenges to implementing this mandate. Gender advisers engaged with a number of other United Nations entities, including the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict and the Office of Counter-Terrorism of the Secretariat.

23. Dedicated gender expertise in special political missions is important to help to implement commitments in the area of women and peace and security. Since 2014, all reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on the work of special political missions contain information on women and peace and security issues, as well as gender-disaggregated data, while over half of them also included women and peace and security-specific recommendations. This work is also implemented at the mission level. Examples include the work of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region, who continued to promote the participation of women in political processes across the Great Lakes region. Following consultations with the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region and in cooperation with UN-Women, high-level solidarity missions involving women leaders representing the United Nations, the Network of African Women in Conflict Prevention and Mediation (Femwise-Africa) and the International Conference were deployed to several countries in the region in July and August 2018 in order to promote women's concerns and participation in decision-making and in peace and political processes in the region.

24. The Office of the Special Envoy for Syria also continued its engagement with the Women's Advisory Board and the Civil Society Support Room. The Office hosted the International Syria Support Group task forces on a ceasefire and humanitarian access, including in support of the implementation of Security Council resolution 2401 (2018), and provided expertise to ceasefire talks in Astana. UNSOM conducted a working session in December 2017 for 18 women members of the Federal Parliament as part of its joint efforts with UN-Women and the United Nations country team to strengthen the capacities of women parliamentarians. The working session included the elected executives of the Somali women's caucus and provided an opportunity for open discussions among members of parliament on various issues, including their role as legislators and advocates of women's political empowerment. Participants identified a set of priority areas, including reconciliation, one-person-one-vote universal elections in 2020, constitutional review and further capacity-building. The gender working group composed of representatives of the Government of Colombia, the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia-Ejército del Pueblo (FARC-EP) and the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia has continued to mainstream gender considerations in the verification of aspects of the peace agreement between the Government of Colombia and FARC-EP.

4. Safety and security

25. Many special political missions, in carrying out mandates centred around complex peace processes, operate in highly volatile and challenging security environments. In some cases, these environments are characterized by ongoing and high-intensity military conflicts, insurgency, social unrest or terrorist activity.

26. United Nations personnel who are based, operate or are deployed in mission environments such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, the Syrian Arab Republic or Yemen face a considerable risk of becoming collateral victims or being directly targeted. These circumstances directly challenge the Organization's ability to stay and

deliver on its mandates and must therefore be factored into the overall posture of special political missions, requiring continuous attention and proactive measures. While the United Nations relies primarily on host Governments to guarantee the security of mission personnel, in some contexts they have insufficient capacity to deliver security services. The Department of Political Affairs and the leadership of special political missions engage continuously with the Department of Safety and Security of the Secretariat to review risk management strategies so as to adapt and minimize any possible impact on mandate delivery for all missions, including panels or groups of experts supporting Security Council committees.

27. Special political missions, in many instances, have thus had to maintain significant security mitigation measures, identified and enhanced through a continuous risk management process. Examples of such measures include the deployment of United Nations armed civilian security personnel, increased cooperation with regional partners that deploy military personnel on the ground, the deployment of guard units provided by Member States, and the employment of private security companies, where appropriate and in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions.

5. Partnerships and cooperation

28. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations has deepened and diversified over the years at the strategic, policy and operational levels. Regional and other organizations play a key role in preventive diplomacy, confidence-building and mediation, preventing violent extremism, peacekeeping, peacebuilding and long-term development. As such, they are critical partners for special political missions in the implementation of their mandate. In order to strengthen such cooperation, the Secretariat has focused on increased engagement with those entities towards sustaining peace, including through regular consultation, enhanced information-sharing, improved coordination and joint approaches and activities.

29. Significant progress has been achieved in deepening the partnership between the United Nations and the African Union on conflict prevention, mediation, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, as well as development. The United Nations Office to the African Union continued to work closely with the African Union to strengthen collaboration and unity of action.

30. The three regional political offices play a particularly important role in forging closer working relations with partners across a range of peace and security issues of common interest. UNOWAS continued to support efforts aimed at preventing conflict and sustaining peace in the region in collaboration with regional and international partners, including by promoting and supporting inclusive national political dialogues and peaceful electoral processes. On 26 and 27 March 2018, UNOWAS organized a colloquium in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on the theme "Challenges and prospects of political reforms in West Africa", attended by approximately 70 representatives of national institutions.

31. UNOCA and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) strengthened cooperation in conflict prevention and early warning, including by conducting more joint analysis and visits to countries in the region and by promoting common messaging. On 24 May 2018, following a workshop co-organized by ECCAS and UNOCA in Brazzaville, participants validated the regional action plan for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women and peace and security in Central Africa. The Heads of UNOCA and UNOWAS both attended the joint summit of Economic Community of West African States and ECCAS Heads of

State and Government on peace, security, stability and the fight against terrorism and violent extremism, which was held on 30 July 2018 in Lomé.

32. The United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia has been working to encourage the positive dynamics in the region, including by supporting Central Asian countries in their efforts to arrive at regional solutions to cross-border threats and challenges. In April 2018, the Regional Centre and the Office of Counter-Terrorism launched the third phase of their joint project for implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Central Asia, the first regional approach of this kind. As Central Asian countries increasingly prioritize engagement with Afghanistan as an important partner, particularly with regard to economic development and trade, the Regional Centre, working closely with UNAMA, has been supporting the strengthening of relationships between countries in the region.

33. The Secretary-General remains strongly committed to strengthening the Organization's partnerships with regional and other organizations in the maintenance of international peace and security, in accordance with Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations. To that end, he convened a high-level interactive dialogue with regional and other organizations in New York on 12 and 13 June 2018. High-level representatives from 19 regional and other organizations active in the area of international peace and security participated. Participants had a frank and productive exchange of views on global challenges related to peace and security from the prevention perspective, and identified concrete actions to reinforce cooperation and coordination, particularly in the field.

F. Reporting requirements related to special political missions emanating from the General Assembly or from the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. Contribution of extrabudgetary resources to mandate implementation in special political missions

34. Extrabudgetary funds continue to be used for surge requirements for good offices, crisis situations and the expansion of missions. The resources have also been critical for support for inter-mission activities and for visits by desk officers and senior officials to special political missions. It is expected that $16.7 million in extrabudgetary resources will be available for special political missions in 2019, compared with $15.4 million in 2018. Mission-by-mission details are provided in annex III to the present report.

35. Extrabudgetary resources have been important to enable missions to implement targeted projects in the delivery of their mandates. For example, in West Africa and the Sahel, UNOWAS relied on extrabudgetary funds to develop initiatives related to the engagement of young women and men in peace processes, thus operationalizing an important aspect of its mandate. In the Great Lakes region, extrabudgetary resources were used to implement projects in various thematic areas related to the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region. In Yemen, extrabudgetary resources allowed the mission to develop initiatives in areas such as security arrangements and constitutional assistance, and to promote the participation of women in the peace process.

36. In a number of cases, extrabudgetary resources enabled Headquarters personnel to visit special political missions away from Headquarters, thereby enabling the

development of closer working collaboration and integration. The visits have enabled Headquarters personnel to meet with United Nations and non-United Nations interlocutors, in particular Member States, and develop a better understanding and analysis of the context in which special political missions operate and how they can be better supported to implement their mandates.

37. Extrabudgetary resources have also been used to strengthen the capacity of some special political missions as required. In 2018, the Office of the Special Envoy for the Sudan and South Sudan benefited from extrabudgetary resources for consultancy services and for the provision of temporary administrative support in order to respond to its increased workload. In a similar manner, extrabudgetary resources allowed for increased capacity to support the engagement of the Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara. Similarly, extrabudgetary resources were used to enhance the capacity of the Department of Political Affairs to backstop the work of the Office of the Special Envoy for Syria.

2. Kuwait Joint Support Office and Regional Service Centre in Entebbe

38. In its resolution 65/259, the General Assembly noted the intention of the Secretary-General to establish a support office in Kuwait for UNAMA and requested the Secretary-General to explore possibilities for cost-sharing between UNAMA and UNAMI. Following a period of assessment in 2011 on the operational viability of carrying out back-office support from Kuwait for both of the missions, the Kuwait Joint Support Office launched its services between August and December 2012 for its two core clients, UNAMA and UNAMI.

39. Having stabilized its operations, the Kuwait Joint Support Office has expanded to support the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, the Office of the Special Envoy for Yemen, the Office of the Special Envoy for Syria and the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant.

40. The importance of the Kuwait Joint Support Office platform for back-office support for administration in finance and human resources has highlighted the advantages of service integration for its client missions. In 2019, the platform will support up to 2,216 core clients in UNAMA, UNAMI, the Office of the Special Envoy for Syria, the Office of the Special Envoy for Yemen, the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia and the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant in such areas as administrative personnel management services, accounts maintenance, accounts payable and receivable processes, claims processing, and billing and invoicing processes.

41. Experience suggests that the number of staff supported in each mission as clients is a reasonable proxy for the overall resourcing needed in the Kuwait Joint Support Office. On the basis of budget proposals for 2019, the Office will be required to provide a full range of services (separate from missions receiving payroll support) to some 2,216 planned personnel compared with 2,483 in 2017 (when the Office's staffing levels were last adjusted). In following a scalable approach, the reduction in workload needs to be matched with a reduced staffing level for the Office. In recognition of the need to maintain a critical mass of staff in fulfilling the broad range of administrative functions in the Office, it is proposed that the Office's staffing be reduced in 2019 to 70 positions from the current 72 positions.

42. The incumbents of the proposed 70 positions would retain sufficient expertise to ensure that critical administrative, financial and human resources controls befitting a back-office operation are not compromised. Furthermore, the positions are

contributed and distributed among the larger clients in the spirit of ensuring an equitable and fair staffing contribution by client missions.

43. In the redistribution and realignment of positions currently contributed by UNAMA and UNAMI for services provided not only to those contributors but also to other missions, the addition of positions in missions such as the Office of the Special Envoy for Syria, the Office of the Special Envoy for Yemen and the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant would be offset by reductions in UNAMA and UNAMI, resulting in a net reduction of two positions for the Kuwait Joint Support Office. In other words, the "additional positions" for the Office of the Special Envoy for Syria, the Office of the Special Envoy for Yemen and the Investigative Team are essentially transfers of positions from UNAMA and UNAMI to ensure that those offices equitably share the costs of the Kuwait Joint Support Office, and are not new requirements.

44. Tables 1 and 2 reflect the contribution of staff positions to the Kuwait Joint Support Office by its client missions approved for 2018 and proposed for 2019.

Table 1
Contribution of staff positions by client missions to Kuwait Joint Support Office approved for 2018

Mission	*P-5*	*P-4*	*P-3*	*P-2/1*	*Total*	*FS*	*Subtotal*	*NPO*	*LL*	*Subtotal*	*Total*
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	1	1	2	1	5	14	19	–	20	20	39
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	–	2	1	–	3	7	10	–	23	23	33
Office of the Special Envoy for Syria	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Office of the Special Envoy for Yemen	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	**1**	**3**	**3**	**1**	**8**	**21**	**29**	**–**	**43**	**43**	**72**

Abbreviations: FS, Field Service; LL, Local level; NPO, National Professional Officer.

Table 2
Contribution of staff positions by client missions to Kuwait Joint Support Office proposed for 2019

Mission	*P-5*	*P-4*	*P-3*	*P-2/1*	*Total*	*FS*	*Subtotal*	*NPO*	*LL*	*Subtotal*	*Total*
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	1	1	2	–	4	9	13	–	21	21	34
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	–	2	1	1	4	7	11	–	16	16	27
Office of the Special Envoy for Syria	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	2	2	3
Office of the Special Envoy for Yemen	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	2	2	3
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	3	3
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	**1**	**3**	**3**	**1**	**8**	**18**	**26**	**–**	**44**	**44**	**70**

Abbreviations: FS, Field Service; LL, Local level; NPO, National Professional Officer;

45. Separately, the General Assembly has approved, through various budgets, the establishment of a shared approach between UNAMI and UNAMA for other functions to be located in Kuwait, but outside the framework of the Kuwait Joint Support Office, including auditing and conduct and discipline. UNAMI continues to maintain stand-alone functions in Kuwait, while UNAMA is now in the process of limiting its presence in Kuwait to shared functions. Because of its history and wider capacities, UNAMI provides host entity support to all staff located in Kuwait.

46. Moreover, the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe has gradually taken on additional clients since its inception in 2010. The Regional Service Centre provides a full range of transactional services to its client missions, which now include all eight peacekeeping operations remaining in Africa, as well as six Africa-based special political missions (the Office of the Special Envoy for the Sudan and South Sudan, the Office of the Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region, the Office of the Special Envoy for Burundi, the Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea, UNSOM and UNOCA) as well as one non-special political mission entity, the United Nations Office to the African Union. This expansion has proven to be effective in ensuring the standardization of improved administrative processes; allowing business continuity in the event of rising security threats in a mission area; providing a better environment for staff given added career prospects and the opportunity to work at a family duty station; and lowering costs through increased economies of scale, greater reliance on an available national workforce and facilities established in a lower-risk location.

47. Since November 2016, the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe has also provided payroll support to all other field missions based in Africa. While this arrangement was necessary in supporting the roll-out of the Umoja payroll application, it lacks the benefits of full integration of all personnel administration solutions in Umoja achieved with other missions supported by the Regional Service Centre. Accordingly, pending the approval and implementation of a global service delivery model, it is proposed that the foundation provided by the presence of the Regional Service Centre be further built on to expand its full-service coverage to all special political missions based in Africa, which currently do not benefit from this level of support. This includes UNIOGBIS, UNSMIL, UNOWAS and United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission.

48. In comparison with the current client level serviced by the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, the client personnel levels of the four above-mentioned special political missions are relatively low, with a proposed number of 502 positions planned in 2019. On the basis of those client levels and taking into consideration the currently applied scalability model of the Regional Service Centre, a total of seven positions from UNSMIL (5 Local level), UNIOGBIS (1 P-3) and UNOWAS (1 Local level) are proposed for abolishment effective 1 July 2019. Those positions would be taken into consideration in the formulation of the staffing requirements of the Regional Service Centre for 2019/20, using the revised scalability model and staffing complement to augment the operation of the Centre to meet the additional workload. In line with the volume of services expected to be delivered and taking into consideration efficiencies to be achieved through the shared service delivery, one further National Professional Officer position will be reduced from UNSMIL.

3. Nationalization of positions

49. In line with the request of the General Assembly in its resolutions 61/276 and 66/264 for greater utilization of national staff, the Department of Field Support advises missions to review functions performed by international staff in the Professional and Field Service categories and by United Nations Volunteers, which would provide an opportunity to contribute to national capacity-building, and propose conversion of the relevant positions to the National Professional Officer and Local

level categories commensurate with the requirements of the mission and its mandate. Furthermore, during the planning process, efforts are being made to ensure that national positions are included to the largest extent possible in the staffing proposals of missions.

50. Encouraging the use of national capacities has been a core area of focus in human resources management in peace operations; workforce planning guidelines on nationalization in peace operations were developed and promulgated to missions in February 2018, and the national selection guidelines were issued in 2016 by the Field Personnel Division of the Department of Field Support. To provide a consistent approach, an overarching framework has been formulated to provide the principles and tools to support the use and development of national staff capacities in peace operations. Peace operations utilize several categories of personnel: international staff, locally recruited staff, United Nations Volunteers and other non-staff capacities, such as government-provided personnel, consultants and individual contractors. The goal is for each phase of the mission to evolve the staffing mix and employ a different blend of staff. Peace operations rely heavily on internationally recruited staff, in particular during start-up, emergencies and downsizing, but as missions evolve, they should improve the mix between international and locally recruited staff to contribute to national capacity-building and nationalization.

51. In 2019, three missions (UNSMIL (1), the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia (1) and UNAMI (3)) propose the nationalization of five positions (see annex XII).

4. Methodology for the calculation of standard salaries for special political missions

52. The international staff costs for the 2019 budgets of special political missions have been calculated according to the methodology set out below.

53. The following factors were utilized in determining the standard international staff position salaries for 2019 for each special political mission (Professional or higher, Field Service and General Service categories):

(a) Latest effective salary scales of 1 January 2018 (ST/IC/2018/3);

(b) Average step for each grade level based on the actual step of incumbents as at 31 May 2018;

(c) Post adjustment multiplier effective 1 July 2018.

54. For the standard common staff costs, the percentage of common staff costs to net salaries was determined on the basis of the actual expenditure of common staff costs as a percentage of actual expenditure of salaries including post adjustment (net of staff assessment) for the period from 1 January 2017 to 31 May 2018.

55. In accordance with the standing practice for the budgets of special political missions, no standard salaries were developed for national staff positions in special political missions for 2019. The estimates of national staff costs are based on the actual level and step for salaries and historical expenditures for common staff costs in a particular duty station.

5. Ratios for vehicles and information technology equipment

56. The Department of Field Support continues to promote the strategy aimed at transforming the overall composition of the vehicle fleet to embrace more environmentally friendly and cost-effective types of vehicles. In line with this strategic intent and together with a group of initiatives, a new set of ratios to guide missions has been rolled out with the aim of enabling missions to plan their longer-

term needs. Ideally, vehicle holding numbers should reflect, directly and proportionally, staff numbers, and operational requirements should be prioritized on the basis of supporting mileages, frequency of use and usage patterns. This is the main guidance for missions to obtain a more efficient fleet. In order to reinforce the oversight and monitoring of inventory holdings, including the tracking of write-offs towards the replacement of vehicles, a central approach to vehicle acquisitions is also in place, in which acquisitions of light passenger vehicles are reviewed by the Department before they proceed. These actions are part of a consolidated effort that will enable the effective implementation of the guidance while giving priority to the operational needs of the missions.

57. Since 2016, measures for the holding and use of vehicles in family duty stations have been formulated that have sought to allow missions to rationalize the need for vehicle usage in family duty station areas. The aim of the measures is to enable missions to focus on vehicle usage for official use where there is adequate and safe means of public transportation and increased use of the dispatch service provided by missions. This dispatch service is seen not only as an important transportation option that meets a variety of official travel needs, including basic mobility in emergencies, general transportation for non-drivers and mobility for non-mission visitors, but also as a strategy to help to reduce the vehicle dependency of mission personnel.

58. The Department of Field Support has reviewed the vehicle and information technology equipment holdings of special political missions and aligned such holdings, where possible, with the standard ratios it has established and promulgated in the Standard Cost and Ratio Manual. In that context, the holdings of vehicles and information technology equipment have been proposed on the basis of the proposed personnel incumbency levels planned for 2019, rather than on the full authorized level of personnel. Table 3 provides ratios on vehicles for all special political missions that have vehicle holdings. Table 4 provides ratios for information technology equipment for all special political missions.

Table 3
Proposed allocation of vehicles for 2019

	2019 proposed personnel[a]	*Personnel adjusted for vacancy rate*[a]	*Standard allocation*[b,c]	*2019 proposed holdings (budget)*[b,c]	*Variance (percentage)*
Cluster I					
Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	16	14	4	5	25.0
United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions	7	7	3	4	33.3
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	61	40	15	24	60.0
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	20	16	5	5	–
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	94	75	17	10	(41.2)
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi	29	27	12	17	41.7
Subtotal	**227**	**179**	**56**	**65**	**16.1**
Cluster II					
Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea	15	15	4	4	–
Panel of Experts on Yemen	8	8	2	–	(100.0)

	2019 proposed personnel[a]	Personnel adjusted for vacancy rate[a]	Standard allocation[b,c]	2019 proposed holdings (budget)[b,c]	Variance (percentage)
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/ Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	160	88	15	15	–
Subtotal	**183**	**111**	**21**	**19**	**(9.5)**
Cluster III					
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	46	44	20	8	(60.0)
United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	141	128	41	47	14.6
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	362	309	76	86	13.2
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	12	11	4	4	–
United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	15	15	13	12	(7.7)
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	24	23	11	18	63.6
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	32	29	10	10	–
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	314	257	78	92	17.9
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	463	408	90	90	–
Subtotal	**1 409**	**1 224**	**343**	**367**	**7.0**
UNAMA and UNAMI					
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	478	454	162	187	15.4
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	664	622	162	228	40.7
Total	**2 961**	**2 590**	**744**	**866**	**16.4**

[a] Includes United Nations international staff, National Professional Officers, United Nations Volunteers and military and police personnel (military observers, military police and civilian police officers).

[b] Includes VIP and standard four-wheel-drive vehicles and sedans; excludes troop-carrying and utility vehicles, buses and electric carts.

[c] Based on standard equipment as outlined in the Standard Cost and Ratio Manual.

59. The Department of Field Support has noted that the vehicle holdings of some missions are higher than the standard allocation. While the ratio provides the necessary threshold across specific categories, there are also operating conditions to which some missions, more than others, need to adapt. In recognition of this situation, the Department continues its oversight role for each mission's holdings. In line with the Department's guidance on the fleet transformation programme, analytical reviews conducted by the Department of vehicle holdings, assessments of effectiveness in vehicle usage, and alignment with corporate objectives such as efficiency of fuel consumption continue to be among the measures by which vehicle holdings are assessed. Each mission is assessed in its own right, using the ratio as the benchmark; where needed, plans are customized to address individual mission needs in line with the expected levels.

Table 4
Proposed allocation of computing devices for 2019

			Computing devices[b]			
	2019 proposed personnel[a]	*Personnel adjusted for vacancy rate*[a]	*Standard allocation*[c]	*Standard allocation and spares*	*2019 proposed holdings (budget)*	*Variance (percentage)*
Cluster I						
Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	21	18	18	22	28	27.3
Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide	10	10	10	12	12	–
Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara	2	2	2	2	2	–
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004)	3	3	3	3	3	–
United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions	7	7	7	10	10	–
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	94	70	70	78	83	6.4
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan	9	8	8	11	11	–
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	27	22	25	25	36	44.0
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	98	77	77	87	100	14.9
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi	31	29	31	36	53	47.2
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar	5	5	5	5	6	20.0
Subtotal	**307**	**251**	**256**	**291**	**344**	**18.2**
Cluster II						
Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea	15	15	12	12	12	–
Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	1	1	1	1	1	–
Panel of Experts on the Sudan	1	1	1	1	1	–
Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	14	14	14	15	15	–
Panel of Experts on Libya	2	2	2	2	2	–
Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic	2	2	2	2	2	–
Panel of Experts on Yemen	8	8	6	6	6	–
Panel of Experts on South Sudan	3	3	3	3	3	–
Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	29	29	29	29	29	–

			Computing devices[b]			
	2019 proposed personnel[a]	Personnel adjusted for vacancy rate[a]	Standard allocation[c]	Standard allocation and spares	2019 proposed holdings (budget)	Variance (percentage)
Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution 1904 (2009)	3	3	3	3	3	–
Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)	9	9	9	9	9	–
Panel of Experts on Mali	1	1	1	1	1	–
Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction	5	5	5	5	5	–
Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	50	50	50	50	50	–
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	163	89	163	177	177	–
Subtotal	**306**	**232**	**301**	**316**	**316**	–
Cluster III						
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	64	61	61	65	67	3.1
United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	141	128	128	140	174	24.3
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	407	352	352	391	470	20.2
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	30	29	28	31	36	16.1
United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	17	17	17	21	23	9.5
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	82	77	73	73	73	–
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	41	37	38	59	61	3.4
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	319	262	326	326	356	9.2
Subtotal	**1 101**	**963**	**1 023**	**1 106**	**1 260**	**13.9**
UNAMA and UNAMI						
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	1 209	1 157	1 375	1 543	1 543	–
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	799	736	739	987	987	–
Total	**3 722**	**3 339**	**3 694**	**4 243**	**4 450**	**4.9**

[a] Includes international and national staff, United Nations Volunteers, United Nations police, United Nations military observers, Government-provided personnel, military staff officers and duty station-based experts.

[b] Includes desktop computers, laptops and netbook computers.

[c] Based on standard requirements as outlined in the Standard Cost and Ratio Manual.

60. The total proposed computing device holdings for special political missions is 5 per cent higher than the standard allocation, owing mainly to the fact that computers

are needed for training facilities, Internet cafés, information technology maintenance services, CarLog systems, for programming the radios and for other fieldwork. Furthermore, as a result of harsh operating conditions, time required to repair the equipment and procurement lead time, the number of spares kept is slightly higher than normal for some missions.

6. Air operations

61. In paragraph 33 of its report on estimates in respect of special political missions (A/69/628), endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 69/262, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions requested improvement in the presentation of information on air operations, including flight hours and costs under previous and current contracts. Accordingly, annex IV to the present report provides, by mission, information on appropriations and expenditure for 2017, the approved budget and actual expenditure up to August for 2018 and the proposed budget for 2019 for air operations, as well as actual flying hours for 2017 and 2018 (up to August 2018) and budgeted flying hours for 2018 and 2019. In 2018, the total resources approved for air operations amount to $42.5 million, with planned utilization of approximately 6,400 flying hours (4,000 for fixed-wing and 2,400 for rotary-wing) for 11 special political missions. In 2019, an amount of $37.4 million, representing a decrease of $5.1 million (12.1 per cent), is proposed for approximately 5,600 flying hours (3,800 for fixed-wing and 1,800 for rotary-wing) for 12 special political missions. Eight of the 12 missions with air operations resources reflect reduced financial resources in 2019. Financial resources for air operations remain essentially unchanged for two missions in 2019 compared with 2018. Two missions, the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen and the newly established United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, reflect increased financial resources in 2019 compared with 2018. Air operations resources for UNSOM, UNAMA, the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and UNSMIL represent 77.3 per cent of such resources in 2019.

7. Security services

62. In its resolution 69/274 B, the General Assembly recalled paragraph 44 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/628/Add.2) and requested provision of information on the use of private security companies in all budgets for special political missions. Accordingly, annex V to the present report contains information on security-related resources reflected in the proposed budgets for 2019.

8. Expert panels for recruitment

63. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions requested that information on the expert panels for recruitment to special political missions be provided (see A/71/595, para. 57). Expert panels established by ST/AI/2010/3 of April 2010 need to convene in 2019 to assess and recommend candidates who have applied for generic job openings for positions in field missions in order to reduce the administrative burden on individual hiring managers and enhance the quality and integrity of the recruitment process by centralizing the assessment. To that effect, the Department of Field Support anticipates that funding from both the peacekeeping missions and the special political missions will be required for the recruitment/rostering process. The funding will cover the costs of travel and the daily subsistence allowance for panel members and occupational group managers. Each mission would include its share of funding under the official travel class. The 2019 budgets for special political missions include resources in the amount of $270,000, which are

apportioned on the basis of the number of authorized international positions for 2018 of the respective missions.

9. Travel

64. In line with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, endorsed by the General Assembly (see A/71/595, paras. 30 and 32), annex VI to the present report includes information on the approved resources for 2018 and proposed resources for 2019 for official travel, including a summary explanation for the variance, and annex VII includes information on the rates of compliance of special political missions with the policy of 16-day advance booking of tickets.

65. With respect to the low rate of compliance of special political missions with the policy of 16-day advance booking of tickets, the special political missions acknowledge the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee and the need to put additional measures in place. In that regard, missions continue to take the following actions: (a) broadcast messages and continuous sensitization of all personnel on the mandatory requirement to submit travel requests at least 21 calendar days prior to the commencement of travel; (b) provide justification with supporting evidence for travel requests that did not meet the mandatory deadline of 21 calendar days prior to travel; and (c) continuous follow-up with various stakeholders (such as Governments and United Nations country teams) to receive confirmation of meetings and conferences in a timely manner.

66. In addition, some missions have assigned dedicated travel and shipment approvers in the Office of the Chief of Mission Support to oversee travel issues, including increased engagements with the travel unit in regional service centres, where applicable. Some missions have also developed travel projection sheets, which are reviewed regularly by heads of units for early clearance and planning purposes.

67. Full compliance with the policy depends on external factors. Such factors encompass the frequent shift in mission security and political environments; the necessity to respond to sudden or escalating crises; interruptions arising from distinct logistical arrangements for travel that require special flights or escorts, leading to last-minute bookings for commercial travel; last minute requests for revisions to meeting schedules and participant lists with multiple stakeholders, such as regional governments, intergovernmental partners and civil society organizations, outside the control of missions and often at short notice; and late notifications from the organizers of training and learning activities.

10. Backstopping support to special political missions at Headquarters

68. As requested by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/72/7/Add.10, para. 53), which was endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 72/262 A, annex VIII to the present report contains consolidated information on positions at Headquarters for backstopping support funded from special political mission budgets approved for 2018 and proposed for 2019, including the total number of backstopping positions approved for different departments, along with functional titles of the positions. Annex VIII also includes summary information on proposed changes to backstopping positions in 2019 compared with 2018. In 2018, a total of 36 such positions (1 D-1, 6 P-5, 15 P-4, 7 P-3 and 7 General Service (Other level)) are funded from special political missions. In 2019, it is proposed that a total of 39 positions (1 D-1, 6 P-5, 17 P-4, 8 P-3 and 7 General Service (Other level)) at Headquarters for backstopping support be funded from special political mission budgets. The changes in 2019 in proposed staffing for backstopping positions are the proposed establishment of: (a) one position of Political

Affairs Officer (P-4) in the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen; (b) one position of Political Affairs Officer (P-4) in the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs for the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant; and (c) one position of Programme and Planning Officer (P-3) in the Department of Operational Support for the Investigative Team.

69. Special political missions rely on Headquarters for backstopping support for a wide range of functions. Annex II contains information on the lead departments that would provide support to the 37 missions. In 2018, the Department of Political Affairs leads and provides substantive backstopping to 35 of the 37 special political missions, ensuring regular and effective communication between missions and the United Nations system in New York, regular liaison with Member States through permanent missions and preparing a wide range of substantive material, including briefing material for the Security Council and regular reports of the Secretary-General, among a wide range of functions. In 2019, similar support will continue to be provided to the same missions by the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs.

70. In 2018, administrative support is provided by the Executive Office of the Department of Political Affairs for 15 missions, while the Department of Field Support provides logistical, technological and administrative support to 24 missions based in the field. In 2019, administrative support for the 15 missions mentioned above will be provided by the joint Executive Office of the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and the Department of Peace Operations. In 2019, the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance and the Department of Operational Support of the Secretariat will provide administrative services covering procurement and financial and human resources management functions in support of special political missions. Special political missions also rely on Headquarters support in thematic and operational areas such as military and police planning/force generation, rule of law and security institutions, constitution-making, electoral assistance, mediation and good offices.

71. While the resources included in the budgets of special political missions for backstopping support are fundamental for the Secretariat to provide support to special political missions, regular budget and extrabudgetary resources are often also required to provide adequate support.

H. Support provided by host countries

72. Annex IX to the present report contains information on support provided by the host country to special political missions, as requested by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/71/595, para. 47).

II. Analysis of budget performance and resource requirements of special political missions

A. Budget performance for 2018

73. The total appropriation for 2018 for the 37 special political missions presented in the present report (inclusive of the provision for the share of special political missions in the budget of the Regional Service Centre) amounts to $635.4 million. The estimated expenditure amounts to $642.2 million. The anticipated overexpenditure of $6.8 million (1.1 per cent) reflects the projected expenditures under civilian personnel costs, mainly under UNAMI, the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen, UNSOM and UNIOGBIS, owing to a combination of

lower actual average vacancy rates and/or higher actual expenditures for salaries and common staff costs than budgeted. The projected overexpenditure is offset in part by projected underexpenditure under operational costs, primarily under the facilities and infrastructure and communications and information technology classes in UNSOM, UNSMIL and the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, and under the air operations class in UNOWAS, UNSOM and the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia. Significant variances and related explanations are shown in tables 5 and 6.

Table 5
Summary of budget performance (estimated) for 2018

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	2018			
	Appropriation[a]	*Estimated expenditure*	*Variance amount*	*Variance percentage*
	(1)	*(2)*	*(3)=(2)-(1)*	*(4)=(3)/(1)*
Cluster I	49 294.5	52 528.2	3 233.7	6.6
Cluster II	35 510.4	35 628.1	117.7	0.3
Cluster III	292 557.0	293 977.9	1 420.9	0.5
UNAMA	148 705.3	146 797.2	(1 908.1)	(1.3)
UNAMI	108 630.0	112 575.8	3 945.8	3.6
Subtotal (net)	**634 697.2**	**641 507.2**	**6 810.0**	**1.1**
Provision for the share of special political missions for the Regional Service Centre	686.9	686.9	–	–
Total (net)	**635 384.1**	**642 194.1**	**6 810.0**	**1.1**

[a] The appropriation for 2018 of $635,384,100 includes: (a) an amount of $633,521,600 approved in the context of special political missions under General Assembly resolutions 72/262 A and C; and (b) an amount of $1,862,500 approved in the context of administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2017 (see resolution 72/262 A, sect. VIII).

Table 6

Summary of significant variances between the 2018 appropriation and projected expenditures for missions continuing into 2019

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	2018				
	Appropriation[a]	*Estimated expenditure*	*Variance amount*	*Variance percentage*	
	(1)	*(2)*	*(3) = (2)-(1)*	*(4) = (3)/(1)*	*Main contributing factors*
Cluster I					
1. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	2 792.1	2 700.5	(91.6)	(3.3)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due to lower requirements for operational costs, mainly for consultants, non-training travel and other supplies, services and equipment, owing to the slower pace of the talks during the period
2. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide	2 118.2	2 227.6	109.4	5.2	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to higher international staff salaries and entitlements, reflecting the actual average step in grade of current incumbents, the ratio of actual common staff costs to actual salaries and a lower actual vacancy rate than budgeted for 2018
3. Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara	444.9	381.8	(63.1)	(14.2)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due mainly to decreased requirements for international staff costs and official travel owing to the vacancy of one position of Political Affairs Officer (P-3) for five months in 2018
4. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004)	367.7	319.8	(47.9)	(13.0)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due mainly to the reduction in travel requirements as the Special Envoy functions are carried out by the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs and travel on Security Council resolution 1559 (2004) has been more limited owing to other high-level priorities
5. United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions	1 750.7	2 022.6	271.9	15.5	The anticipated overexpenditure is mainly as a result of higher personnel costs owing to staff turnover in the first half of the year, resulting in higher common staff costs for separation of staff and installation entitlements of new personnel
6. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	16 428.3	16 118.8	(309.5)	(1.9)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due mainly due to the lower than budgeted requirement for the rental of premises in Damascus as some of the rental costs would be covered through the anticipated cost recovery from United Nations agencies, funds and programmes. Underexpenditure is also projected under official travel, partly as a result of efforts to increase usage of alternative means of communication where possible
7. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan	1 409.5	1 450.1	40.6	2.9	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to the higher actual average step in grade of current incumbents and the ratio of actual common staff costs to actual salaries, based on expenditure trends
8. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	3 706.6	4 324.9	618.3	16.7	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to lower projected actual average vacancy rates for international staff than budgeted for 2018

	2018				
	Appropriation[a]	*Estimated expenditure*	*Variance amount*	*Variance percentage*	
	(1)	*(2)*	*(3) (2)-(1)*	*(4) (3) (1)*	*Main contributing factors*
9. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	13 051.8	15 780.2	2 728.4	20.9	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to lower average vacancy rates for international and national staff and the ratio of actual common staff cost expenditures to actual salaries, based on expenditure trends
10. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi	6 370.9	6 441.9	71.0	1.1	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to lower than budgeted vacancy rates for staff
11. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar	853.8	760.0	(93.8)	(11.0)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due mainly to a delay in the recruitment of personnel for the Mission's positions
Subtotal	**49 294.5**	**52 528.2**	**3 233.7**	**6.6**	
Cluster II					
12. Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea	2 185.8	2 267.0	81.2	3.7	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to an increase in the average fees for the experts resulting from a change in the terms of reference for the experts appointed under new mandates since December 2017, requiring at least 10 years of experience instead of 7
13. Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	1 288.9	1 344.5	55.6	4.3	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to the higher staff costs resulting from the actual step in grade and cost of entitlements of the current incumbent being higher than budgeted, the higher fees of the experts resulting from the change in their terms of reference, requiring 10 years of experience instead of 7, and the cost of centrally provided communications and information technology services
14. Panel of Experts on the Sudan	978.9	1 024.0	45.1	4.6	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to higher civilian personnel costs, resulting from the higher average step in grade and entitlements of the incumbent than budgeted and lower actual vacancy rates than budgeted for 2018
15. Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	3 294.9	3 222.6	(72.3)	(2.2)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due mainly to lower requirements for subscriptions as information becomes available on various databases
16. Panel of Experts on Libya	1 250.1	1 381.2	131.1	10.5	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to higher actual average monthly fees for experts resulting from the change in the terms of reference for the experts appointed under the new mandate starting in November 2017, requiring at least 10 years of experience, including 3 years of field experience, instead of 7
17. Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic	1 125.0	1 195.1	70.1	6.2	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to higher civilian personnel costs as a result of the average steps in grade and entitlements of the current incumbents and lower actual vacancy rates than budgeted for 2018, and to higher average fees for the experts resulting from a change in the terms of reference for the experts appointed under the new mandate starting in February 2018, requiring at least 10 years of experience, including 3 years of field experience, instead of 7

	2018				
	Appropriation[a]	Estimated expenditure	Variance amount	Variance percentage	
	(1)	(2)	(3) (2)-(1)	(4) (3)/(1)	Main contributing factors
18. Panel of Experts on Yemen	2 154.6	2 115.9	(38.7)	(1.8)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due mainly to lower civilian personnel costs as a result of a higher actual average vacancy rate than budgeted for security officers, and to the lower expenditure on travel due to the security situation on the ground
19. Panel of Experts on South Sudan	1 349.0	1 322.6	(26.4)	(2.0)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due mainly to lower civilian costs resulting mainly from a higher vacancy rate than budgeted and lower requirements for ground transportation due to the security situation on the ground
20. Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	6 133.2	6 172.0	38.8	0.6	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to higher civilian personnel costs as a result of a lower actual average vacancy rate than budgeted for 2018
21. Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution 1904 (2009)	492.4	487.8	(4.6)	(0.9)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due mainly to the fact that the position of the Ombudsperson was vacant until July 2018
22. Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)	1 570.0	1 565.1	(4.9)	(0.3)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due mainly to lower administrative and logistical support
23. Panel of Experts on Mali	988.9	1 129.4	140.5	14.2	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to higher civilian personnel costs, resulting from the average steps in grade and entitlements of the current incumbents and a lower actual average vacancy rate than budgeted in 2018, as well as requirements for close protection of the experts during their travel in Mali
24. Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction	2 766.5	2 528.6	(237.9)	(8.6)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due mainly to lower requirements for expert fees as a result of the delayed recruitment of six experts who had reached the end of the five-year limit on their contracts in 2017 and 2018
25. Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	9 932.2	9 872.3	(59.9)	(0.6)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due mainly to lower civilian personnel costs, resulting from higher actual average vacancy rates than budgeted
26. United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	–	–	–	–	Mission commenced activities in August 2018 and is being funded in 2018 under the terms of General Assembly resolution 72/264 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenditures for the biennium 2018–2019, and will be reported on in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 2018–2019
Subtotal	**35 510.4**	**35 628.1**	**117.7**	**0.3**	

	2018				
	Appropriation[a]	*Estimated expenditure*	*Variance amount*	*Variance percentage*	
	(1)	*(2)*	*(3) = (2)-(1)*	*(4) = (3) / (1)*	*Main contributing factors*
Cluster III					
27. United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	14 224.8	13 897.6	(327.2)	(2.3)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due mainly to the lower-than-budgeted requirements for air operations as a result of the renegotiated contract for rental and operations for the air assets
28. United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	17 854.1	19 493.9	1 639.8	9.2	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to the lower actual vacancy rate for international staff than budgeted for 2018
29. United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	95 909.1	97 735.2	1 826.1	1.9	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to higher staff-related expenditures relating to a lower actual vacancy rate compared with the budgeted rate for international staff
30. United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	2 997.7	2 969.6	(28.1)	(0.9)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due mainly to reduced requirements under operational costs reflecting lower-than-budgeted expenditures under: (a) communications and information technology as a result of changes in the provision of Internet services through the Global Service Centre; and (b) official travel reflecting actual costs of travel
31. United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	3 915.4	3 923.6	8.2	0.2	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to increased requirements for international staff owing to lower actual vacancy rates than budgeted for 2018
32. Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	8 201.4	9 037.5	836.1	10.2	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to: (a) a lower actual average vacancy rate than budgeted for international staff; (b) the introduction of a revised national staff salary scale for the Beirut duty station effective September 2017; and (c) the higher actual average step in grade of current incumbents and the ratio of actual common staff cost expenditures to actual salaries, based on expenditure trends
33. United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	7 117.4	7 143.4	26.0	0.4	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to higher-than-budgeted expenditures for common staff costs for international and national staff, reflecting the entitlements of current incumbents
34. United Nations Support Mission in Libya	71 619.5	71 475.3	(144.2)	(0.2)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due mainly to reduced operational requirements for: (a) facilities and infrastructure as a result of cost recoveries made from the United Nations country team for the utilization of the Mission's common services, including offices, housing units and other spaces, and reduced requirements for the acquisition of prefabricated facilities, generators and electrical equipment, furniture and office equipment, and provisions for construction, alterations, renovations and construction materials for the compound in Tripoli based on actual expenditures; (b) lower costs for satellite transponders, Internet, mobile services and satellite phones based on competitive commercial rates; (c) medical services, owing to the fact that the United Nations level

	2018				
	Appropriation[a]	*Estimated expenditure*	*Variance amount*	*Variance percentage*	
	(1)	*(2)*	*(3) (2)-(1)*	*(4) (3) (1)*	*Main contributing factors*
					1 hospital in Tripoli was fully operational in 2018; and (d) reduced requirements for freight, based on actual expenditures related to the acquisition of equipment and supplies
35. United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	70 717.6	68 301.8	(2 415.8)	(3.4)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due mainly to reduced operational requirements for facilities and infrastructure, air operations, and communications and information technology as a result of the consolidation of local offices into a reduced number of hub locations from which multiple teams will operate
Subtotal	**292 557.0**	**293 977.9**	**1 420.9**	**0.5**	
UNAMA and UNAMI					
36. United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	148 705.3	146 797.2	(1 908.1)	(1.3)	The anticipated underexpenditure is due mainly to: (a) lower expenditures under civilian personnel costs, reflecting a higher anticipated annual average vacancy rate for United Nations Volunteers than budgeted, higher-than-anticipated international staff absences, reducing expenditures for danger pay, and lower actual average common staff costs for international staff than budgeted; and (b) lower expenditures under operational costs, reflecting lower projected requirements for a water treatment plant as a result of the recycling of wastewater, reduced requirements for engineering spare parts and generators and lower projected requirements for transponder charges, as well as the deferment of acquisition of information technology equipment
37. United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	108 630.0	112 575.8	3 945.8	3.6	The anticipated overexpenditure is due mainly to lower-than-anticipated annual average vacancy rates for civilian staff
Subtotal	**257 335.3**	**259 373.0**	**2 037.7**	**0.8**	
Subtotal, special political missions	**634 697.2**	**641 507.2**	**6 810.0**	**1.1**	
Provision for the share of special political missions for the Regional Service Centre	686.9	686.9	–	–	
Total	**635 384.1**	**642 194.1**	**6 810.0**	**1.1**	

[a] The appropriation for 2018 of $635,384,100 includes: (a) an amount of $633,521,600 approved in the context of special political missions under General Assembly resolutions 72/262 A and C; and (b) an amount of $1,862,500 approved in the context of administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2017 (see resolution 72/262 A, sect. VII).

B. Proposed resources for 2019

74. The total estimated resource requirements for 2019 relating to the 37 missions covered in the present report and its addenda amount to $665.5 million (net of staff assessment), inclusive of the provision for the share of special political missions in the budget of the Regional Service Centre. Overall, the resource level for 2019 reflects an increase of $30.2 million (4.7 per cent) compared with the approved resources for 2018. Mission-by-mission estimates, requirements by expenditure component and the number and level of positions are presented in tables 10, 11 and 12, respectively.

75. The estimated resource requirements for 11 special political missions under cluster I reflect an overall increase of $6.6 million (13.4 per cent) compared with the approved budget for 2018, mainly for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen ($4.1 million), the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi ($1.1 million), the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region ($0.7 million) and the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar ($0.4 million). The increase in resources is due primarily to increased requirements for staff costs as a result of lower vacancy rates in 2019 than budgeted for 2018, taking into account the actual average vacancy rates in 2018, and higher civilian personnel costs resulting from actual salaries and entitlements of current incumbents.

76. The estimated resource requirements for the 15 special political missions under cluster II reflect an overall increase of $23.9 million (67.4 per cent) compared with the approved budget for 2018, owing mainly to the proposed resources for the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant ($21.5 million), which commenced activities in August 2018. Increased resources are also proposed under the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate ($1.1 million) and the Panel of Experts on Mali ($0.4 million). The main reason for the increases under these missions is the application of continuing vacancy rates in 2019 for new positions established in 2018, which were budgeted with a 50 per cent vacancy rate in 2018.

77. Similarly, the estimated resource requirements for the nine special political missions under cluster III reflect an overall increase of $9.8 million (3.3 per cent) compared with the approved budget for 2018, owing mainly to increased requirements for UNSOM ($9.0 million) and UNSMIL ($6.5 million) as a result of the application of lower proposed vacancy rates in 2019 compared with 2018 taking into account the actual average vacancy rates in 2018, and the proposed establishment of new positions. These increases are offset in part by reductions mainly under the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia ($4.3 million) and UNOWAS ($1.3 million) as a result of reduced requirements under operational costs.

78. The estimated resource requirements for UNAMA and UNAMI are lower than the approved budget for 2018 by $7.2 million (4.8 per cent) and $2.9 million (2.6 per cent), respectively. Reduced requirements for UNAMA are due mainly to the proposed net reduction of 28 Local level positions; lower provisions made for the salaries and common staff costs of 82 Local level positions on the basis of a new cost-sharing arrangement between UNAMA and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes with respect to security; and the need to maintain the 2017 approved level of national staff (1,112 national positions) for an additional six-month period, from 1 January to 30 June 2018, pending the approval of the revised proposed budget of the mission for 2018, followed by a net decrease of 250 national positions, resulting from the abolishment of 262 positions and the establishment of 12 new positions, for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2018. Reduced requirements for UNAMI are

due mainly to cost recovery from the United Nations country team and a net decrease of 52 civilian positions. The summary of variances between the approved resources for 2018 and the proposed resources for 2019 and related explanations for the missions continuing into 2019 are provided in tables 7 and 8.

79. The provision for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 is $1,109.6 million. The provision does not take into account four missions, namely, the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar, the Panel of Experts on Mali, the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, nor does it take into account the expansion of the mandates of the Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and UNSOM. Resources for these additional mandates are therefore considered as an addition to the provision for the special political missions.

Table 7
Summary of estimated requirements for 2019 (by cluster)

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Total requirements for 2018[a]	*Total requirements for 2019*	*Variance amount*	*Variance percentage*
	(1)	*(2)*	*(3)=(2)-(1)*	*(4)=(3)/(1)*
Cluster I	49 294.5	55 900.9	6 606.4	13.4
Cluster II	35 510.4	59 457.3	23 946.9	67.4
Cluster III	292 557.0	302 315.0	9 758.0	3.3
UNAMA	148 705.3	141 499.3	(7 206.0)	(4.8)
UNAMI	108 630.0	105 775.7	(2 854.3)	(2.6)
Subtotal (net)	**634 697.2**	**664 948.2**	**30 251.0**	**4.8**
Provision for the share of special political missions for the Regional Service Centre	686.9	595.5	(91.4)	(13.3)
Total (net)	**635 384.1**	**665 543.7**	**30 159.6**	**4.7**

[a] The appropriation for 2018 of $635,384,100 includes: (a) an amount of $633,521,600 approved in the context of special political missions under General Assembly resolutions 72/262 A and C; and (b) an amount of $1,862,500 approved in the context of administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2017 (see Assembly resolution 72/262 A, sect. VII).

Table 8
Summary of variances between approved resources for 2018 and proposed resources for 2019 for continuing mission

	Total requirements for 2018[a]	*Total requirements for 2019*	*Variance amount*	*Variance percentage*	
	(1)	*(2)*	*(3)=(2)-(1)*	*(4)=(3)/(1)*	*Main contributing factors*
Cluster I					
1. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	2 792.1	2 775.8	(16.3)	(0.6)	The decrease is due mainly to lower operational costs as a result of reduced requirements for consultants, official travel and translation services based on the progress made in the previous rounds of the negotiations
2. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide	2 118.2	2 198.2	80.0	3.8	The increase is due mainly to an increase in international staff costs, reflecting the actual average step in grade of current incumbents and the ratio of actual common staff costs to actual salaries, based on expenditure trends
3. Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara	444.9	456.3	11.4	2.6	The increase is due mainly to an increase in operational costs, mainly under facilities and infrastructure and communications and information technology, based on the shared common-services costs for facilities in Berlin
4. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004)	367.7	363.7	(4.0)	(1.1)	The decrease is due mainly to reduced requirements for official travel and communications and information technology, taking into account the uncertainty regarding the appointment of a new Special Envoy
5. United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions	1 750.7	1 887.1	136.4	7.8	The increase is due mainly to the proposed lower vacancy rate for international personnel in 2019 compared with 2018, taking into account actual vacancy rates in 2018
6. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	16 428.3	16 402.2	(26.1)	(0.2)	The decrease is due mainly to reduced requirements for operational costs owing mainly to the lower requirement for rental of premises in Damascus as a result of cost recovery from United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, and reduced travel as a result of the use of alternative means of communication where possible
7. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan	1 409.5	1 502.5	93.0	6.6	The increase is due mainly to the provision at the actual average step in grade of current incumbents and the ratio of actual common staff cost expenditures to actual salaries
8. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	3 706.6	4 400.4	693.8	18.7	The increase is due mainly to the application of lower vacancy rates in 2019 compared with the budgeted vacancy rates in 2018 for international staff, taking into account actual vacancy rates in 2018

	Total requirements for 2018[a]	*Total requirements for 2019*	*Variance amount*	*Variance percentage*	
	(1)	*(2)*	*(3) (2)-(1)*	*(4) (3) (1)*	*Main contributing factors*
9. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	13 051.8	17 192.9	4 141.1	31.7	The increase is due mainly to increased requirements for international and national staff, which reflects the actual lower vacancy rate applied in 2019 compared with the approved vacancy rate in 2018, and the provision at the actual average step in grade of the current incumbents and the ratio of actual common staff cost expenditures to actual salaries, based on expenditure trends. Operational costs are projected to increase in 2019 owing mainly to: (a) the rental and operation of a fixed-wing aircraft based on a contract effective 1 January 2019 which is cost shared between the Office of the Special Envoy and UNAMI; (b) the acquisition of prefabricated facilities and accommodation, and refrigeration, water treatment and security equipment; security and maintenance services; rental of premises; and petrol, oil and lubricants for the generators for the new office space in Sana'a which will be ready by the first quarter of 2019 on a 25:75 cost-share ratio basis between the Office and other agencies, funds and programmes, respectively; and (c) the acquisition of two armoured vehicles based on security requirements which would support the movements of the Special Envoy in Sana'a
10. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi	6 370.9	7 489.5	1 118.6	17.6	The increase is due mainly to higher staff costs as a result of the proposed lower vacancy rates in 2019 compared with 2018, taking into account actual vacancy rates in 2018, and higher common staff costs
11. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar	853.8	1 232.3	378.5	44.3	The increase is due mainly to full-year costs for a fully deployed office in Myanmar
Subtotal	**49 294.5**	**55 900.9**	**6 606.4**	**13.4**	
Cluster II					
12. Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea	2 185.8	2 256.8	71.0	3.2	The increase is due mainly to the higher actual average monthly fee for the experts resulting from the change in the terms of reference for the experts appointed under the new mandate starting in December 2017
13. Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	1 288.9	1 319.2	30.3	2.4	The increase is due mainly to the higher actual average fees for the experts and the higher staff costs based on the actual step in grade and cost of entitlements of the current incumbent
14. Panel of Experts on the Sudan	978.9	1 072.3	93.4	9.5	The increase is due mainly to the higher staff costs based on the actual step in grade and dependency status of the current incumbent as well as higher fees for the experts resulting from a change in their terms of reference requiring at least 10 years of experience instead of 7

	Total requirements for 2018[a]	Total requirements for 2019	Variance amount	Variance percentage	
	(1)	(2)	(3)=(2)-(1)	(4)=(3)/(1)	Main contributing factors
15. Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	3 294.9	2 963.6	(331.3)	(10.1)	The decrease is due mainly to the discontinuation of a one-time provision for reinforcing the security of the office of the experts, for which resources were approved in 2018, and to reduced database subscriptions based on actual expenditure in 2018
16. Panel of Experts on Libya	1 250.1	1 406.3	156.2	12.5	The increase is due mainly to higher fees for the experts as a result of the change in their terms of reference
17. Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic	1 125.0	1 193.1	68.1	6.1	The increase is due mainly to a higher actual average monthly fee for the experts resulting from the change in their terms of reference and to higher civilian personnel costs, based on the average steps in grade and entitlements of the current incumbents
18. Panel of Experts on Yemen	2 154.6	2 280.3	125.7	5.8	The increase is due mainly to higher civilian personnel costs, based on the actual average step in grade and dependency status of the current incumbents, the higher actual average monthly fee for the experts resulting from the change in the terms of reference for experts appointed under the new mandate starting in March 2019, requiring at least 10 years of experience, including 3 years of field experience, instead of 7, new requirements for shared common security costs for offices in Yemen starting in 2018 and higher cost of rental of premises for international staff accommodation and office space in Sana'a under the new lease agreement with UNDP in Yemen
19. Panel of Experts on South Sudan	1 349.0	1 357.7	8.7	0.6	The increase is due mainly to higher civilian personnel costs, resulting from the actual average step in grade and dependency status of the current incumbents, and higher requirements for centrally provided communications and information technology services under the service level agreement
20. Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	6 133.2	6 481.8	348.6	5.7	The increase is due mainly to the higher civilian personnel costs as a result of the application of a lower vacancy rate in 2019 compared with 2018, and higher average actual fees for the experts resulting from the changes in the composition of the panel and their terms of reference
21. Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution 1904 (2009)	492.4	653.3	160.9	32.7	The increase is due mainly to higher civilian personnel costs, resulting from the application of a lower vacancy rate in 2019 compared with 2018, and the full provisioning of expert fees of the Ombudsperson in 2019
22. Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)	1 570.0	1 655.6	85.6	5.5	The increase is due mainly to higher civilian personnel costs, resulting from the application of a lower vacancy rate in 2019 compared with 2018

	Total requirements for 2018[a]	*Total requirements for 2019*	*Variance amount*	*Variance percentage*	
	(1)	*(2)*	*(3)=(2)-(1)*	*(4)=(3)/(1)*	*Main contributing factors*
23. Panel of Experts on Mali	988.9	1 348.0	359.1	36.3	The increase is due mainly to the application of a lower vacancy rate in 2019 to the civilian personnel cost compared with 2018, and the requirement for close protection security services for the experts during their travel in Mali
24. Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction	2 766.5	2 945.5	179.0	6.5	The increase is due mainly to the cost of the travel of experts to participate in conferences and meetings, in particular related to the upcoming 2020 comprehensive review meetings, and the higher civilian personnel costs, based on the average step in grade and dependency status of the current incumbents
25. Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	9 932.2	11 029.8	1 097.6	11.1	The increase is due mainly to higher civilian personnel costs, based on the lower vacancy rate applied in 2019 compared with 2018 and the average steps in grade and entitlements of the current incumbents
26. United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	–	21 494.0	21 494.0	–	Mission commenced activities in August 2018
Subtotal	**35 510.4**	**59 457.3**	**23 946.9**	**67.4**	
Cluster III					
27. United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	14 224.8	12 891.3	(1 333.5)	(9.4)	The decrease is due mainly to: (a) the reduced requirements for air operations owing to the renegotiated contract in December 2017; (b) the reduced requirements for consultants owing to the mission utilizing its in-house capacities; and (c) a lower mission subsistence allowance rate for military advisers
28. United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	17 854.1	17 052.5	(801.6)	(4.5)	The decrease is due mainly to: (a) the removal of provisions for 1 Military Observer and 13 United Nations Police Advisers; (b) reduced requirements for air operations owing to reductions in rental and operation costs for the shared fixed-wing aircraft in line with the renegotiated contract; and (c) the removal of provisions for training, workshops and substantive activities related to the rule of law and security sector reform in line with the revised mission mandate contained in Security Council resolution 2404 (2018)
29. United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	95 909.1	104 916.8	9 007.7	9.4	The increase is due mainly to a lower vacancy rate for international staff, reflecting actual levels in 2018, and additional staffing and non-staffing resources related to the revised mandate to strengthen the UNSOM regional presence and in support of elections in Somalia

	Total requirements for 2018[a]	Total requirements for 2019	Variance amount	Variance percentage	
	(1)	(2)	(3) (2)-(1)	(4) (3)/(1)	Main contributing factors
30. United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	2 997.7	3 073.4	75.7	2.5	The increase is due mainly to the provision at the actual average step in grade and the ratio of actual common staff cost expenditures to actual salaries, based on expenditure trends, for international staff
31. United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	3 915.4	3 581.7	(333.7)	(8.5)	The decrease is due mainly to: (a) reduced requirements for international staff owing to the proposed abolishment of one position of Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5); (b) reduced requirements for air operations owing to the renegotiated contract in December 2017; (c) reduced requirements for communications and information technology owing to the reduced transponder charges resulting from the renegotiation of a contract; and (d) the lower mission subsistence allowance rate for one military adviser
32. Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	8 201.4	8 900.6	699.2	8.5	The increase is due mainly to: (a) the application of a lower vacancy rate for 2019 that takes into account the actual average vacancy rate in 2018 for international staff; (b) the introduction of a revised national staff salary scale for the Beirut duty station effective September 2017; and (c) the higher actual average step in grade of current incumbents and the ratio of actual common staff cost expenditures to actual salaries, based on expenditure trends
33. United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	7 117.4	7 348.5	231.1	3.2	The increase is due mainly to increased requirements for civilian personnel costs, reflecting the provision at the actual average step in grade of current incumbents, and the ratio of actual common staff cost expenditures to actual salaries for international staff, based on expenditure trends
34. United Nations Support Mission in Libya	71 619.5	78 154.8	6 535.3	9.1	The increase is due mainly to: (a) increased requirements under civilian personnel, including the proposed establishment of positions; and (b) a lower proposed vacancy rate in 2019
35. United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	70 717.6	66 395.4	(4 322.2)	(6.1)	The decrease is due mainly to the reduced requirements for: (a) facilities and infrastructure, owing to the redeployment of staff and resources to a smaller number of Mission locations; (b) air operations, as a result of improved understanding of the patterns of usage of helicopters in the Mission area; and (c) communications and information technology, owing to a reduction in the number of connectivity satellites needed and lower usage of the Broadband Global Area Network subscription
Subtotal	**292 557.0**	**302 315.0**	**9 758.0**	**3.3**	

	Total requirements for 2018[a]	*Total requirements for 2019*	*Variance amount*	*Variance percentage*	
	(1)	*(2)*	*(3) = (2)-(1)*	*(4) = (3)/(1)*	*Main contributing factors*
UNAMA and UNAMI					
36. United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	148 705.3	141 499.3	(7 206.0)	(4.8)	The decrease is due mainly to: (a) net decreased requirements for military and police personnel, reflecting the disengagement of military and police advisers resulting from the implementation of recommendations emanating from the strategic review of the Mission (see A/72/312-S/2017/696); and (b) net decreased requirements for civilian personnel, reflecting mainly the proposed net reduction of 28 Local level positions; lower provisions made for the salaries and common staff costs of 82 Local level positions (43 Security Guard and 39 Field Radio Room Operator), for four and seven months, respectively, on the basis of a new cost-sharing arrangement between UNAMA and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes; and the need to maintain the 2017 approved level of national staff (1,112 national positions) for an additional six-month period, from 1 January to 30 June 2018, pending the approval of the revised proposed budget of the Mission for 2018, followed by a net decrease of 250 national positions, resulting from the abolishment of 262 positions and the establishment of 12 new positions, for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2018
37. United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	108 630.0	105 775.7	(2 854.3)	(2.6)	The decrease is due mainly to cost recovery from the United Nations country team and a net decrease of 52 civilian positions
Subtotal	**257 335.3**	**247 275.0**	**(10 060.3)**	**(3.9)**	
Subtotal, special political missions	**634 697.2**	**664 948.2**	**30 251.0**	**4.8**	
Provision for the share of special political missions for the Regional Service Centre	686.9	595.5	(91.4)	(13.3)	
Total	**635 384.1**	**665 543.7**	**30 159.6**	**4.7**	

[a] The appropriation for 2018 of $635,384,100 includes: (a) an amount of $633,521,600 approved in the context of special political missions under General Assembly resolutions 72/262 A and C; and (b) an amount of $1,862,500 approved in the context of administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2017 (see resolution 72/262 A, sect. VII).

Positions

80. The total number of civilian positions by cluster is summarized in table 9. The number, category and level of civilian positions for each mission are provided in table 12.

81. It is proposed that the number of civilian personnel for ongoing and new missions be increased from 3,825 to 3,990, reflecting an overall increase of 165 positions. That increase reflects the proposed net increase of 248 positions under clusters I, II and III (5, 133 and 110 positions, respectively) and a net decrease of 31 positions in UNAMA and 52 positions in UNAMI. Those changes result from: (a) net increases under the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (135), UNSOM (48), the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia (37), UNSMIL (34), the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen (3) and the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria (2); and (b) net decreases under UNAMI (52), UNAMA (31), UNIOGBIS (7), the implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) (2), UNOWAS (1) and United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission (1). A summary of all changes in the number and level of positions is provided in annex XII.

82. In its resolution 71/272 B, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 17 of its report on the proposed contribution of the United Nations Secretariat to the cost-sharing arrangement for the resident coordinator system (A/70/7/Add.48) that the operational support costs for Deputy Special Representatives of the Secretary-General who also serve as resident coordinators and/or humanitarian coordinators should be shared. The staffing of six special political missions for 2019, namely, UNIOGBIS, UNSOM, the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon, UNSMIL, UNAMA and UNAMI, includes Deputy Special Representatives of the Secretary-General who also serve as resident coordinators and/or humanitarian coordinators. Those Deputy Special Representatives of the Secretary-General are dual- or triple-hatted and serve as resident coordinators, humanitarian coordinators and/or resident representatives in complex, multidimensional peace operations. They work under the authority of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and also report to the Administrator of UNDP and the Emergency Relief Coordinator on resident coordination and humanitarian coordination issues, respectively. The salaries and common staff costs related to those positions are budgeted at 50 per cent of the total cost in the proposed budgets of the respective special political missions for 2019.

83. In line with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/71/595, para. 46 (b)), which were endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 71/272 A, information on the approved vacancy rates for 2018 and the proposed vacancy rates for 2019, as well as actual vacancy rates for 2018, are provided in annex X to the present report. The proposed vacancy rates for 2019 take into account the actual average vacancy rates in 2018. In general, the proposed 2019 rates reflect the actual average vacancy rate for the period from January to July/August 2018. In some cases, they further take into account the significant increase in recruitment in 2018 and the anticipated onboarding of additional staff before the end of the year. In cases where the average vacancy rate for civilian staff positions in the period from January to July/August 2018 was nil, a rate of 5 per cent is proposed, taking into account the possible turnover of existing staff.

84. In line with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, endorsed by the General Assembly (ibid., para. 17), information on positions that have been vacant for two years or longer as at 30 April

2018, and justifications for their retention, is included in annex XI to the present report.

Table 9
Summary of proposed civilian staffing, by cluster

	Approved 2018	*Proposed 2019*	*Variance*	*Variance (percentage)*
	(1)	*(2)*	*(3)=(2)-(1)*	*(4)=(3)/(1)*
Cluster I	302	307	5	1.7
Cluster II	118	251	133	112.7
Cluster III	1 316	1 426	110	8.4
UNAMA	1 237	1 206	(31)	(2.5)
UNAMI	852	800	(52)	(6.1)
Total	**3 825**	**3 990**	**165**	**4.3**

Table 10

Overview of financial resources of special political missions

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	2018			2019		Variance	
	Appropriation[a]	*Estimated expenditure*	*Estimated variance*	*Total requirements*	*Non-recurrent requirements*	*2019 vs. 2018 Increase (decrease)*	*Net requirements for 2019*
	(1)	*(2)*	*(3)=(2)-(1)*	*(4)*	*(5)*	*(6)=(4)-(1)*	*(7)=(4)-(5)*
Cluster I							
1. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	2 792.1	2 700.5	(91.6)	2 775.8	19.7	(16.3)	2 684.2
2. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide	2 118.2	2 227.6	109.4	2 198.2	–	80.0	2 307.6
3. Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara	444.9	381.8	(63.1)	456.3	–	11.4	393.2
4. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004)	367.7	319.8	(47.9)	363.7	–	(4.0)	315.8
5. United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions	1 750.7	2 022.6	271.9	1 887.1	–	136.4	2 159.0
6. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	16 428.3	16 118.8	(309.5)	16 402.2	56.8	(26.1)	16 092.7
7. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan	1 409.5	1 450.1	40.6	1 502.5	2.3	93.0	1 543.1
8. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	3 706.6	4 324.9	618.3	4 400.4	20.3	693.8	5 018.7
9. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	13 051.8	15 780.2	2 728.4	17 192.9	534.1	4 141.1	19 921.3
10. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi	6 370.9	6 441.9	71.0	7 489.5	224.0	1 118.6	7 560.5
11. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar	853.8	760.0	(93.8)	1 232.3	–	378.5	1 138.5
Subtotal	**49 294.5**	**52 528.2**	**3 233.7**	**55 900.9**	**857.2**	**6 606.4**	**59 134.6**
Cluster II							
12. Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea	2 185.8	2 267.0	81.2	2 256.8	–	71.0	2 338.0
13. Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	1 288.9	1 344.5	55.6	1 319.2	–	30.3	1 374.8
14. Panel of Experts on the Sudan	978.9	1 024.0	45.1	1 072.3	–	93.4	1 117.4
15. Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	3 294.9	3 22[illegible]	(72.3)	2 963.6	–	(331.3)	2 891.3
16. Panel of Experts on Libya	[illegible]	[illegible]	131.3	1 406.3	–	156.2	1 537.4
17. Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic	1 125.0	1 195.1	70.1	1 193.1	–	68.1	1 261.2

	2018			2019		Variance	
	Appropriation[a]	*Estimated expenditure*	*Estimated variance*	*Total requirements*	*Non-recurrent requirements*	*2019 vs. 2018 increase (decrease)*	*Net requirements for 2019*
	(1)	*(2)*	*(3)=(2)-(1)*	*(4)*	*(5)*	*(6)=(4)-(1)*	*(7)=(4)-(3)*
18. Panel of Experts on Yemen	2 154.6	2 115.9	(38.7)	2 280.3	–	125.7	2 241.6
19. Panel of Experts on South Sudan	1 349.0	1 322.6	(26.4)	1 357.7	–	8.7	1 331.3
20. Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	6 133.2	6 172.0	38.8	6 481.8	–	348.6	6 520.6
21. Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution 1904 (2009)	492.4	487.8	(4.6)	653.3	–	160.9	648.7
22. Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)	1 570.0	1 565.1	(4.9)	1 655.6	–	85.6	1 650.7
23. Panel of Experts on Mali	988.9	1 129.4	140.5	1 348.0	–	359.1	1 488.5
24. Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction	2 766.5	2 528.6	(237.9)	2 945.5	–	179.0	2 707.6
25. Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	9 932.2	9 872.3	(59.9)	11 029.8	–	1 097.6	10 969.9
26. United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	–	–	–	21 494.0	3 804.2	21 494.0	21 494.0
Subtotal	**35 510.4**	**35 628.1**	**117.7**	**59 457.3**	**3 804.2**	**23 946.9**	**59 575.0**
Cluster III							
27. United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	14 224.8	13 897.6	(327.2)	12 891.3	17.2	(1 333.5)	12 564.1
28. United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	17 854.1	19 493.9	1 639.8	17 052.5	181.5	(801.6)	18 692.3
29. United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	95 909.1	97 735.2	1 826.1	104 916.8	8 501.3	9 007.7	106 742.9
30. United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	2 997.7	2 969.6	(28.1)	3 073.4	102.3	75.7	3 045.3
31. United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	3 915.4	3 923.6	8.2	3 581.7	1.1	(333.7)	3 589.9
32. Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	8 201.4	9 037.5	836.1	8 900.6	93.7	699.2	9 736.7
33. United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	7 117.4	7 143.4	26.0	7 348.5	–	231.1	7 374.5
34. United Nations Support Mission in Libya	71 619.5	71 475.3	(144.2)	78 154.8	454.9	6 535.3	78 010.6
35. United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	70 717.6	68 301.8	(2 415.8)	66 395.4	385.4	(4 322.2)	63 979.6
Subtotal	**292 557.0**	**293 977.9**	**1 420.9**	**302 315.0**	**9 737.4**	**9 758.0**	**303 735.9**

	2018			2019		Variance	
	Appropriation[a]	Estimated expenditure	Estimated variance	Total requirements	Non-recurrent requirements	2019 vs. 2018 (increase/(decrease))	Net requirements for 2019
	(1)	(2)	(3)=(2)-(1)	(4)	(5)	(6)=(4)-(1)	(7)=(4)-(3)
36. United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	148 705.3	146 797.2	(1 908.1)	141 499.3	3 605.0	(7 206.0)	139 591.2
37. United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	108 630.0	112 575.8	3 945.8	105 775.7	–	(2 854.3)	109 721.5
Subtotal	**257 335.3**	**259 373.0**	**2 037.7**	**247 275.0**	**3 605.0**	**(10 060.3)**	**249 312.7**
Subtotal, special political missions	**634 697.2**	**641 507.2**	**6 810.0**	**664 948.2**	**18 003.8**	**30 251.0**	**671 758.2**
Provision for the share of special political missions for the Regional Service Centre	686.9	686.9	–	595.5	–	(91.4)	595.5
Total	**635 384.1**	**642 194.1**	**6 810.0**	**665 543.7**	**18 003.8**	**30 159.6**	**672 353.7**

[a] The appropriation for 2018 of $635,384,100 includes: (a) an amount of $633,521,600 approved in the context of special political missions under General Assembly resolutions 72/262 A and C; and (b) an amount of $1,862,500 approved in the context of administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2017 (see resolution 72/262 A, sect. VII).

Table 11

Summary of requirements by major component

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	2018			2019		Variance	
Category of expenditure	Appropriation[a] (1)	Estimated expenditure (2)	Estimated variance (3)=(2)-(1)	Total requirements (4)	Non-recurrent requirements (5)	2019 vs. 2018 Increase/ (decrease) (6)=(4)-(1)	Net requirements for 2019 (7)=(4)-(3)
I. Military and police personnel							
1. Military observers	18 211.6	17 943.8	(267.8)	17 934.1	–	(277.5)	17 666.3
2. Military contingents	14 845.9	14 795.7	(50.2)	12 305.8	–	(2 540.1)	12 255.6
3. United Nations police	595.6	562.1	(33.5)	–	–	(595.6)	(33.5)
Subtotal	**33 653.1**	**33 301.6**	**(351.5)**	**30 239.9**	**–**	**(3 413.2)**	**29 888.4**
II. Civilian personnel							
1. International staff	253 676.4	275 395.0	21 718.6	291 788.9	–	38 112.5	313 507.5
2. National staff	80 962.1	89 432.3	8 470.2	77 555.8	–	(3 406.3)	86 026.0
3. United Nations Volunteers	7 164.5	8 076.0	911.5	8 204.2	–	1 039.7	9 115.7
4. General temporary assistance	1 538.7	1 902.9	364.2	48.3	–	(1 490.4)	412.5
5. Government-provided personnel	1 019.4	1 105.6	86.2	1 664.2	–	644.8	1 750.4
Subtotal	**344 361.1**	**375 911.8**	**31 550.7**	**379 261.4**	**–**	**34 900.3**	**410 812.1**
III. Operational costs							
1. Experts	13 485.1	13 426.0	(59.1)	14 236.6	–	751.5	14 177.5
2. Consultants and consulting services	3 746.0	4 553.6	807.6	4 400.4	–	654.4	5 208.0
3. Official travel	19 286.7	21 691.2	2 404.5	19 116.0	–	(170.7)	21 520.5
4. Facilities and infrastructure	106 403.1	93 596.3	(12 806.8)	108 049.5	10 845.0	1 646.4	95 242.7
5. Ground transportation	9 854.7	9 547.7	(307.0)	9 073.5	1 143.0	(781.2)	8 766.5
6. Air operations	42 546.2	37 451.1	(5 095.1)	37 413.6	92.8	(5 132.6)	32 318.5
7. Marine operations	415.9	408.3	(7.6)	567.4	–	151.5	559.8
8. Communications and information technology	39 759.8	32 457.3	(7 302.5)	39 176.3	4 906.7	(583.5)	31 873.8
9. Medical	4 469.5	3 618.9	(850.6)	3 840.9	120.7	(628.6)	2 990.3

Category of expenditure	2018 Appropriation[a] (1)	2018 Estimated expenditure (2)	2018 Estimated variance (3) = (2) - (1)	2019 Total requirements (4)	2019 Non-recurrent requirements (5)	Variance 2019 vs. 2018 Increase (decrease) (6) = (4) - (1)	Net requirements for 2019 (7) = (4) - (5)
10. Other supplies, services and equipment	16 716.0	15 543.4	(1 172.6)	19 572.7	895.6	2 856.7	18 400.1
Subtotal	**256 683.0**	**232 293.8**	**(24 389.2)**	**255 446.9**	**18 003.8**	**(1 236.1)**	**231 057.7**
Net requirements	**634 697.2**	**641 507.2**	**6 810.0**	**664 948.2**	**18 003.8**	**30 251.0**	**671 758.2**
Provision for the share of special political missions for the Regional Service Centre	686.9	686.9	–	595.5	–	(91.4)	595.5
Total	**635 384.1**	**642 194.1**	**6 810.0**	**665 543.7**	**18 003.8**	**30 159.6**	**672 353.7**

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Table 12
Staffing requirements

	Professional and higher categories									General Service and related categories				National staff			
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2	Subtotal	Field Service/ Security Service	Principal level	Other level	Total international	NPO	Local level	UNV	Total
Cluster I																	
1. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus																	
Approved 2018	1[a]	–	–	1	3	5	1	–	11	4	–	1	16	–	5	–	21
Proposed 2019	1[a]	–	–	1	3	5	1	–	11	4	–	1	16	–	5	–	21
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide																	
Approved 2018	1	1[b]	–	–	1	3	2	–	8	–	–	2	10	–	–	–	10
Proposed 2019	1	1[b]	–	–	1	3	2	–	8	–	–	2	10	–	–	–	10
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
3. Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara																	
Approved 2018	1[a]	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	2	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	2
Proposed 2019	1[a]	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	2	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	2
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
4. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004)																	
Approved 2018	1[c]	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	2	–	–	1	3	–	–	–	3
Proposed 2019	1[c]	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	2	–	–	1	3	–	–	–	3
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
5. United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions																	
Approved 2018	–	1	–	–	1	2	2	–	6	–	–	1	7	–	–	–	7
Proposed 2019	–	1	–	–	1	2	2	–	6	–	–	1	7	–	–	–	7
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

	Professional and higher categories									General Service and related categories			National staff				
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2	Subtotal	Field Service/ Security Service	Principal level	Other level	Total inter-national	NPO	Local level	UNV	Total
6. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria																	
Approved 2018	1	1	1	3	8	15	12	1	42	10	–	9	61	–	31	–	92
Proposed 2019	1	1	1	3	8	16	12	1	43	11	–	7	61	–	33	–	94
Change	–	–	–	–	–	**1**	–	–	**1**	**1**	–	**(2)**	–	–	**2**	–	**2**
7. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan																	
Approved 2018	1	–	–	1	–	2	1	–	5	–	–	–	5	2	2	–	9
Proposed 2019	1	–	–	1	–	2	1	–	5	–	–	–	5	2	2	–	9
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
8. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region																	
Approved 2018	1	–	1	1	4	6	4	–	17	1	–	1	19	1	7	–	27
Proposed 2019	1	–	1	1	4	6	4	–	17	1	–	1	19	1	7	–	27
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
9. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen																	
Approved 2018	1	–	1	1	7	14	11	–	35	25	–	1	61	8	26	–	95
Proposed 2019	1	–	1	1	6	15	11	–	35	26	–	1	62	8	28	–	98
Change	–	–	–	–	**(1)**	**1**	–	–	–	**1**	–	–	**1**	–	**2**	–	**3**
10. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi																	
Approved 2018	1[a]	–	1	2	4	5	3	–	16	7	–	1	24	2	5	–	31
Proposed 2019	1[a]	–	1	2	4	5	3	–	16	7	–	1	24	2	5	–	31
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
11. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar																	
Approved 2018	1[a]	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	4	–	–	–	4	–	1	–	5
Proposed 2019	1[a]	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	4	–	–	–	4	–	1	–	5
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

	Professional and higher categories									General Service and related categories				National staff			
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2	Subtotal	Field Service/ Security Service	Principal level	Other level	Total international	NPO	Local level	UNV	Total
Subtotal																	
Approved 2018	**10**	**3**	**4**	**10**	**29**	**54**	**37**	**1**	**148**	**47**	**–**	**17**	**212**	**13**	**77**	**–**	**302**
Proposed 2019	**10**	**3**	**4**	**10**	**28**	**56**	**37**	**1**	**149**	**49**	**–**	**15**	**213**	**13**	**81**	**–**	**307**
Change	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**(1)**	**2**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**2**	**–**	**(2)**	**1**	**–**	**4**	**–**	**5**
Cluster II																	
12. Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea																	
Approved 2018	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	1	2	–	5	–	7
Proposed 2019	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	1	2	–	5	–	7
Change	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**
13. Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo																	
Approved 2018	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Proposed 2019	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Change	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**
14. Panel of Experts on the Sudan																	
Approved 2018	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Proposed 2019	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Change	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**
15. Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea																	
Approved 2018	–	–	–	–	–	1	2	–	3	–	–	3	6	–	–	–	6
Proposed 2019	–	–	–	–	–	1	2	–	3	–	–	3	6	–	–	–	6
Change	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**

	Professional and higher categories									General Service and related categories				National staff			
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2	Subtotal	Field Service Security Service	Principal level	Other level	Total international	NPO	Local level	UNV	Total
16. Panel of Experts on Libya																	
Approved 2018	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	1	2	–	–	–	2
Proposed 2019	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	1	2	–	–	–	2
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
17. Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic																	
Approved 2018	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	1	2	–	–	–	2
Proposed 2019	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	1	2	–	–	–	2
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
18. Panel of Experts on Yemen																	
Approved 2018	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	5	–	–	6	–	2	–	8
Proposed 2019	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	5	–	–	6	–	2	–	8
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
19. Panel of Experts on South Sudan																	
Approved 2018	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	2	3	–	–	–	3
Proposed 2019	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	2	3	–	–	–	3
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
20. Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to Security Council resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities																	
Approved 2018	–	–	–	–	1	4	6	–	11	–	–	8	19	–	–	–	19
Proposed 2019	–	–	–	–	1	4	6	–	11	–	–	8	19	–	–	–	19
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
21. Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution 1904 (2009)																	
Approved 2018	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	1	2	–	–	–	2
Proposed 2019	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	1	2	–	–	–	2
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

	Professional and higher categories									General Service and related categories				National staff			
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2	Subtotal	Field Service Security Service	Principal level	Other level	Total international	NPO	Local level	UNV	Total
22. Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)																	
Approved 2018	–	–	–	–	1	3	4	–	8	–	–	3	11	–	–	–	11
Proposed 2019	–	–	–	–	1	3	3	–	7	–	–	2	9	–	–	–	9
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	**(1)**	–	**(1)**	–	–	**(1)**	**(2)**	–	–	–	**(2)**
23. Panel of Experts on Mali																	
Approved 2018	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Proposed 2019	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
24. Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction																	
Approved 2018	–	–	–	–	1	–	2	–	3	–	–	2	5	–	–	–	5
Proposed 2019	–	–	–	–	1	–	2	–	3	–	–	2	5	–	–	–	5
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
25. Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate																	
Approved 2018	–	1	1	2	9	19	7	3	42	–	–	8	50	–	–	–	50
Proposed 2019	–	1	1	2	9	19	7	3	42	–	–	8	50	–	–	–	50
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
26. United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant																	
Approved 2018	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		–	–	–	–
Proposed 2019	–	1	–	2	5	15	13	–	36	42	–	–	78	21	29	7	135
Change	–	1	–	2	5	15	13	–	36	42	–	–	78	21	29	7	135
Subtotal																	
Approved 2018	–	1	1	2	12	28	29	3	76	5	–	30	111	–	7	–	118
Proposed 2019	–	2	1	4	17	43	41	3	111	47	–	29	187	21	36	7	251
Change	–	1	–	2	5	15	12	–	35	42	–	(1)	76	21	29	7	133

	Professional and higher categories									General Service and related categories				National staff			
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2	Subtotal	Field Service/ Security Service	Principal level	Other level	Total international	NPO	Local level	UNV	Total
Cluster III																	
27. United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel																	
Approved 2018	1	1	–	2	7	13	7	–	31	7	–	–	38	6	19	–	63
Proposed 2019	1	1		2	7	13	7		31	7			38	6	18		62
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	**(1)**	–	**(1)**
28. United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau																	
Approved 2018	1	–	1	3	6	15	9	–	35	28	–	–	63	26	42	11	142
Proposed 2019	1	–	1	2	6	12	8	–	30	27	–	–	57	25	42	11	135
Change	–	–	–	**(1)**	–	**(3)**	**(1)**	–	**(5)**	**(1)**	–	–	**(6)**	**(1)**	–	–	**(7)**
29. United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia																	
Approved 2018	1	2	1	7	31	40	29	1	112	49	–	–	161	71	41	4	277
Proposed 2019	1	2	1	7	31	48	35	1	126	57	–	–	183	84	45	13	325
Change	–	–	–	–	–	**8**	**6**	–	**14**	**8**	–	–	**22**	**13**	**4**	**9**	**48**
30. United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia																	
Approved 2018	–	1	–	–	1	2	2	–	6	2	–	–	8	4	18	–	30
Proposed 2019	–	1	–	–	1	2	2	–	6	2	–	–	8	4	18	–	30
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
31. United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission																	
Approved 2018	–	–	–	–	3	6	–	–	9	1	–	–	10	–	2	–	12
Proposed 2019	–	–	–	–	2	6	–	–	8	1	–	–	9	–	2	–	11
Change	–	–	–	–	**(1)**	–	–	–	**(1)**	–	–	–	**(1)**	–	–	–	**(1)**
32. Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon																	
Approved 2018	1	1	–	1	2	6	1	1	13	7	–	–	20	4	58	–	82
Proposed 2019	1	1	–	1	2	6	1	1	13	7	–	–	20	4	58	–	82
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

	Professional and higher categories									*General Service and related categories*				*National staff*			
	USG	*ASG*	*D-2*	*D-1*	*P-5*	*P-4*	*P-3*	*P-2*	*Subtotal*	*Field Service Security Service*	*Principal level*	*Other level*	*Total international*	*NPO*	*Local level*	*UNV*	*Total*
33. United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa																	
Approved 2018	1	–	–	2	4	11	4	–	22	7	–	–	29	3	9	–	41
Proposed 2019	1	–	–	2	4	11	4	–	22	7	–	–	29	3	9	–	41
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
34. United Nations Support Mission in Libya																	
Approved 2018	1	2	–	7	13	35	29	2	89	108	–	1	198	8	67	5	278
Proposed 2019	1	2	–	7	13	35	29	2	89	120	–	1	210	13	83	6	312
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	**12**	–	–	**12**	**5**	**16**	**1**	**34**
35. United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia																	
Approved 2018	1	1	1	6	20	39	45	1	114	38	–	1	153	72	81	85	391
Proposed 2019	1	1	1	6	21	39	46	1	116	41	–	1	158	77	80	113	428
Change	–	–	–	–	**1**	–	**1**	–	**2**	**3**	–	–	**5**	**5**	**(1)**	**28**	**37**
Subtotal																	
Approved 2018	**7**	**8**	**3**	**28**	**87**	**167**	**126**	**5**	**431**	**247**	–	**2**	**680**	**194**	**337**	**105**	**1 316**
Proposed 2019	**7**	**8**	**3**	**27**	**87**	**172**	**132**	**5**	**441**	**269**	–	**2**	**712**	**216**	**355**	**143**	**1 426**
Change	–	–	–	**(1)**	–	**5**	**6**	–	**10**	**22**	–	–	**32**	**22**	**18**	**38**	**110**
UNAMA and UNAMI																	
36. United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan																	
Approved 2018	1	2	1	7	28	57	60	7	163	144	–	1	308	124	738	67	1 237
Proposed 2019	1	2	1	7	28	57	61	6	163	140	–	1	304	124	710	68	1 206
Change	–	–	–	–	–	–	**1**	**(1)**	–	**(4)**	–	–	**(4)**	–	**(28)**	**1**	**(31)**
37. United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq																	
Approved 2018	1	2	1	6	19	53	53	7	142	189	–	–	331	118	403	–	852
Proposed 2019	1	2	1	6	18	51	55	6	140	174	–	–	314	104	380	2	800
Change	–	–	–	–	**(1)**	**(2)**	**2**	**(1)**	**(2)**	**(15)**	–	–	**(17)**	**(14)**	**(23)**	**2**	**(52)**

	Professional and higher categories									General Service and related categories			National staff				
	USG	ASG	D-2	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2	Subtotal	Field Service/ Security Service	Principal level	Other level	Total international	NPO	Local level	UNV	Total
Subtotal																	
Approved 2018	2	4	2	13	47	110	113	14	305	333	–	1	639	242	1 141	67	2 089
Proposed 2019	2	4	2	13	46	108	116	12	303	314	–	1	618	228	1 090	70	2 006
Change	–	–	–	–	(1)	(2)	3	(2)	(2)	(19)	–	–	(21)	(14)	(51)	3	(83)
Total																	
Approved 2018	19	16	10	53	175	359	305	23	960	632	–	50	1 642	449	1 562	172	3 825
Proposed 2019	19	17	10	54	178	379	326	21	1 004	679	–	47	1 730	478	1 562	220	3 990
Change	–	1	–	1	3	20	21	(2)	44	47	–	(3)	88	29	–	48	165

Abbreviations: ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; NPO, National Professional Officer; UNV, United Nations Volunteer; USG, Under-Secretary-General.

[a] The Head of Mission (Under-Secretary-General) is on a when-actually-employed contract.

[b] The Assistant Secretary-General is on a $1-per-year contract.

[c] The Under-Secretary-General is on a $1-per-year contract.

III. Action requested of the General Assembly

85. **The General Assembly is requested:**

(a) **To approve the budgets for the 37 special political missions listed in table 10 for 2019 and the share of special political missions in the budget of the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe for the period 2018/19 in the total amount of $665,543,700 (net of staff assessment);**

(b) **To approve a charge totalling $476,091,300 (net of staff assessment), corresponding to the amount of the balance remaining in the provision of $1,109,612,900 appropriated for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019;**

(c) **To appropriate, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213, an additional amount of $196,262,400 (net of staff assessment) under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, taking into account the estimated overexpenditure in 2018 amounting to $6,810,000;**

(d) **To appropriate an amount of $12,709,400 under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income in section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019.**

Annex I

Summary of charges against the provision for special political missions, 2018–2019

(Thousands of United States dollars)

a.	**Amount included under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019**	1 109 612.9
	Charges approved by the General Assembly for 2018:	
	Resolution 72/262 A	510 030.7
	Resolution 72/262 C	123 490.9
b.	**Total charges**	633 521.6[a]
c.	**Undistributed balance in the provision for special political missions**	476 091.3
	Charges proposed for approval by the General Assembly for 2019:	
	Cluster I: special and personal envoys, advisers and representatives of the Secretary-General (A/73/352/Add.1)	55 900.5
	Cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other entities and mechanisms (A/73/352/Add.2 and A/73/352/Add.2/Corr.1 and A/73/352/Add.6)	59 457.3
	Cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions (A/73/352/Add.3)	302 315.0
	United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (A/73/352/Add.4)	141 499.3
	United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (A/73/352/Add.5)	105 775.2
	Provision for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda (General Assembly resolution 72/286, para. 10 (c))	595.7
d.	**Total**	665 543.7
e.	**Shortfall to be sought in additional appropriation (e=d-c)**	189 452.4
f.	**Estimated overexpenditure for 2018**	6 810.4
g.	**Shortfall to be sought in additional appropriation, taking into account estimated overexpenditure for 2018 (net of staff assessment) (g=e+f)**	196 262.8

[a] The appropriation for 2018 of $635,384,100 includes: (a) an amount of $633,521,600 approved in the context of special political missions under General Assembly resolutions 72/262 A and C; and (b) an amount of $1,862,500 approved in the context of administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2017 (see resolution 72/262 A, sect. VII).

Annex II

Lead department, administrative support arrangements and mandates of special political missions, 2019

	Lead department	*Administrative support**	*Latest mandates and expiry dates*
Thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys, advisers and representatives of the Secretary-General			
1. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	Security Council resolutions 186 (1964), 367 (1975), 1250 (1999), 1475 (2003), 1758 (2007), 1818 (2008), 1873 (2009), 1930 (2010), 1986 (2011), 2026 (2011), 2058 (2012), 2114 (2013), 2135 (2014), 2168 (2014), 2197 (2015), 2234 (2015), 2263 (2016), 2300 (2016), 2338 (2017), 2369 (2017), 2398 (2018) and 2430 (2018); open-ended
2. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide	DPPA	DPPA/DPO EO	Security Council resolution 1366 (2001); S/2004/567 and S/2004/568; open-ended
3. Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara	DPPA	DPPA/DPO EO	S/2005/497 and S/2005/498; Security Council resolutions 1813 (2008) and 2099 (2013); open-ended
4. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004)	DPPA	DPPA/DPO EO	Security Council resolution 1559 (2004); S/PRST/2006/3; open-ended
5. United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	S/2010/103 and S/2011/279; open-ended
6. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	General Assembly resolution 66/253; Security Council resolutions 2254 (2015) and 2268 (2016); open-ended
7. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	S/2011/474, S/2011/475, S/2016/258 and S/2016/259; open-ended
8. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	Security Council resolutions 2098 (2013), 2147 (2014), 2211 (2015), 2277 (2016), 2348 (2017) and 2389 (2017); open-ended
9. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	S/2016/488 and S/2016/489; open-ended
10. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	Security Council resolutions 2248 (2015), 2279 (2016) and 2303 (2016); open-ended
11. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	General Assembly resolution 72/248
Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other entities and mechanisms			
12. Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea	DPPA	DPPA/DPO EO	Security Council resolution 2385 (2017); 15 December 2018
13. Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	DPPA	DPPA/DPO EO	Security Council resolution 2424 (2018); 1 August 2019
14. Panel of Experts on the Sudan	DPPA	DPPA/DPO EO	Security Council resolution 2400 (2018); 12 March 2019
15. Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	DPPA	DPPA/DPO EO	Security Council resolution 2407 (2018); 24 April 2019
16. Panel of Experts on Libya	DPPA	DPPA/DPO EO	Security Council resolution 2362 (2017); 15 November 2018

	Lead department	Administrative support	Latest mandate and expiry date
17. Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic	DPPA	DPPA/DPO EO	Security Council resolution 2399 (2018); 28 February 2019
18. Panel of Experts on Yemen	DPPA	DPPA/DPO EO	Security Council resolution 2402 (2018); 28 March 2019
19. Panel of Experts on South Sudan	DPPA	DPPA/DPO EO	Security Council resolution 2428 (2018); 1 July 2019
20. Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	DPPA	DPPA/DPO EO	Security Council resolution 2368 (2017); 17 December 2021
21. Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution 1904 (2009)	DPPA	DPPA/DPO EO	Security Council resolution 2368 (2017); 17 December 2021
22. Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)	DPPA	DPPA/DPO EO	Security Council resolution 2231 (2015); 18 October 2025
23. Panel of Experts on Mali	DPPA	DPPA/DPO EO	Security Council resolution 2432 (2018); 30 September 2019
24. Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction	ODA	ODA	Security Council resolutions 1673 (2006), 1810 (2008), 1977 (2011), 2055 (2012) and 2325 (2016); 25 April 2021
25. Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	CTED	CTED	Security Council resolution 2395 (2017); 31 December 2021
26. United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	Security Council resolution 2379 (2017); 21 September 2019
Thematic cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions			
27. United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	S/2013/753, S/2013/759, S/2016/88, S/2016/89 and S/2016/1129; Security Council resolution 2349 (2017); 31 December 2019
28. United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	Security Council resolution 2404 (2018); 28 February 2019
29. United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	Security Council resolution 2408 (2018); 31 March 2019
30. United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	S/2007/279 and S/2007/280; open-ended
31. United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	S/2017/78 and S/2017/79; open-ended
32. Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	Security Council resolutions 1701 (2006) and 1773 (2007); S/2007/85, S/2007/86, S/2012/34 and S/2012/35; open-ended
33. United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	S/2018/789 and S/2018/790; 31 August 2021
34. United Nations Support Mission in Libya	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	Security Council resolution 2434 (2018); 15 September 2019
35. United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	Security Council resolutions 2366 (2017), 2377 (2017), 2381 (2017) and 2435 (2018); 25 September 2019

	Lead department	*Administrative support*[a]	*Latest mandates and expiry dates*
United Nations assistance missions			
36. United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	Security Council resolution 2405 (2018); 17 March 2019
37. United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	DPPA	DMSPC/DOS	Security Council resolution 2421 (2018); 31 May 2019

Abbreviations: CTED, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate; DMSPC, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance; DOS, Department of Operational Support; DPO, Department of Peace Operations; DPPA, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs; EO, Executive Office; ODA, Office for Disarmament Affairs.

[a] The level of administrative support would depend on the delegation of authority given to each mission.

Annex III

Estimated extrabudgetary resources for special political missions, 2018 and 2019

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	2018	2019
Thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys, advisers and representatives of the Secretary-General		
Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide	777.0	904.0
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	758.0	850.0
Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara	576.2	–
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	1 684.0	549.0
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	500.0	1 000.0
Subtotal	**4 295.2**	**3 303.0**
Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other entities and mechanisms		
Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction	1 800.0	1 000.0
Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	1 000.0	1 000.0
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	–	1 000.0
Subtotal	**2 800.0**	**3 000.0**
Thematic cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions		
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	404.0	300.0
United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	1 176.4	532.8
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	2 000.0	2 000.0
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	1 328.0	1 150.0
United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	3 000.0	6 000.0
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	206.2	335.1
Subtotal	**8 114.6**	**10 317.9**
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	–	–
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	50.7	50.8
Subtotal	**50.7**	**50.8**
Total	**15 260.5**	**16 671.7**

Annex IV

Air operations resources for special political missions, 2017–2019

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	2017			2018				2019	
	Approved budget	*Actual expenditure*	*Actual flight hours*	*Approved budget*	*Actual expenditure (as of August 2018)*	*Budgeted flight hours (12 months)*	*Actual flight hours (as of August 2018)*	*Proposed budget*	*Proposed flight hours*
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Great Lakes Region									
Fixed-wing	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Rotary-wing	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Petrol, oil and other lubricants	–	–	–	–	4.0	–	–	–	–
Other	125.0	62.7	13.3	72.1	15.0	17.0	–	51.8	12.5
Subtotal	**125.0**	**62.7**	**13.3**	**72.1**	**19.0**	**17.0**	**–**	**51.8**	**12.5**
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen									
Fixed-wing	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	909.7	232.0
Rotary-wing	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Petrol, oil and other lubricants	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	277.3	–
Other	135.0	555.7	53.3	276.9	–	61.0	45.1	118.8	–
Subtotal	**135.0**	**555.7**	**53.3**	**276.9**	**–**	**61.0**	**45.1**	**1 305.8**	**232.0**
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant									
Fixed-wing	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Rotary-wing	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Petrol, oil and other lubricants	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	607.5	–
Subtotal	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**607.5**	**–**

	2017			2018				2019	
	Approved budget	*Actual expenditure*	*Actual flight hours*	*Approved budget*	*Actual expenditure (as of August 2018)*	*Budgeted flight hours (12 months)*	*Actual flight hours (as of August 2018)*	*Proposed budget*	*Proposed flight hours*
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel									
Fixed-wing	3 140.6	2 423.4	294.9	3 140.6	1 658.3	450.0	152.8	1 388.6	540.0
Rotary-wing	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Petrol, oil and other lubricants	626.5	771.8	–	626.5	648.6	–	–	663.4	–
Other	311.1	333.3	–	311.1	55.2	–	–	317.6	–
Subtotal	**4 078.2**	**3 528.5**	**294.9**	**4 078.2**	**2 362.1**	**450.0**	**152.8**	**2 369.6**	**540.0**
United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission									
Fixed-wing	209.4	151.6	61.5	209.4	105.4	30.0	18.9	92.6	38.0
Rotary-wing	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Petrol, oil and other lubricants	41.8	141.3	–	41.8	10.2	–	–	46.4	–
Other	67.2	33.1	–	67.2	75.8	–	–	73.6	–
Subtotal	**318.4**	**326.0**	**61.5**	**318.4**	**191.4**	**30.0**	**18.9**	**212.6**	**38.0**
United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau									
Fixed-wing	837.5	601.8	64.4	847.6	443.6	120.0	46.9	369.0	144.0
Rotary-wing	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Petrol, oil and other lubricants	157.2	–	–	147.1	75.0	–	–	200.5	–
Other	146.2	0.1	–	146.2	69.4	–	–	155.9	–
Subtotal	**1 140.9**	**601.9**	**64.4**	**1 140.9**	**588.0**	**120.0**	**46.9**	**725.4**	**144.0**
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia									
Fixed-wing	3 566.0	3 039.1	567.8	5 365.8	2 521.0	600.0	425.3	3 240.0	648.0
Rotary-wing	1 620.0	890.8	481.4	2 981.1	2 247.3	555.0	322.2	3 087.0	504.0
Petrol, oil and other lubricants	2 474.1	2 421.5	–	2 151.7	2 135.3	–	–	1 713.3	–
Other	1 460.3	2 612.1	–	790.6	14.2	–	–	1 249.6	–
Subtotal	**9 120.4**	**8 963.5**	**1 049.2**	**11 289.2**	**6 917.8**	**1 155.0**	**747.5**	**9 289.9**	**1 152.0**

	2017			2018				2019	
	Approved budget	*Actual expenditure*	*Actual flight hours*	*Approved budget*	*Actual expenditure (as of August 2018)*	*Budgeted flight hours (12 months)*	*Actual flight hours (as of August 2018)*	*Proposed budget*	*Proposed flight hours*
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa									
Fixed-wing	140.5	64.3	32.0	92.8	42.9	42.0	6.2	93.7	42.0
Rotary-wing	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Petrol, oil and other lubricants	27.6	12.3	–	18.4	15.4	–	–	18.5	–
Other	59.4	73.0	–	28.6	19.7	–	–	28.7	–
Subtotal	**227.5**	**149.6**	**32.0**	**139.8**	**78.0**	**42.0**	**6.2**	**140.9**	**42.0**
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia									
Fixed-wing	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Rotary-wing	1 001.2	1 400.0	934.5	5 947.9	5 295.8	1 200.0	401.1	5 396.0	840.0
Petrol, oil and other lubricants	–	–	–	697.3	–	–	–	652.2	–
Other	1.7	1.7	–	1 275.2	7.7	–	–	725.4	–
Subtotal	**1 002.9**	**1 401.7**	**934.5**	**7 920.4**	**5 303.5**	**1 200.0**	**401.1**	**6 773.6**	**840.0**
United Nations Support Mission in Libya									
Fixed-wing	1 457.5	2 794.6	503.2	2 630.6	1 582.8	501.0	252.6	2 749.8	523.0
Rotary-wing	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Petrol, oil and other lubricants	1 135.7	258.9	–	349.8	209.0	–	–	432.4	–
Other	1 533.8	210.3	–	1 099.5	334.8	–	–	924.8	–
Subtotal	**4 127.0**	**3 263.8**	**503.2**	**4 079.9**	**2 126.6**	**501.0**	**252.6**	**4 107.0**	**523.0**
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan									
Fixed-wing	3 251.5	4 998.1	1 228.6	3 750.8	4 142.7	1 300.0	608.3	3 632.5	900.0
Rotary-wing	6 525.0	6 173.7	551.3	3 632.6	3 619.7	600.0	259.9	3 653.9	400.0
Petrol, oil and other lubricants	786.0	1 117.4	–	1 707.7	930.4	–	–	1 272.8	–
Other	180.8	88.7	–	130.5	77.9	–	–	182.7	–
Subtotal	**10 743.3**	**12 377.9**	**1 779.9**	**9 221.6**	**8 770.7**	**1 900.0**	**868.2**	**8 741.9**	**1 300.0**

	2017			2018				2019	
	Approved budget	*Actual expenditure*	*Actual flight hours*	*Approved budget*	*Actual expenditure (as of August 2018)*	*Budgeted flight hours (12 months)*	*Actual flight hours (as of August 2018)*	*Proposed budget*	*Proposed flight hours*
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq									
Fixed-wing	5 043.3	4 219.4	961.6	3 280.4	2 279.7	975.0	671.6	2 152.9	743.0
Rotary-wing	–	813.1	–	–	0.5	–	–	–	–
Petrol, oil and other lubricants	674.9	540.8	–	521.6	333.6	–	–	700.0	–
Other	252.8	173.7	–	206.8	209.9	–	–	234.7	–
Total	**5 971.0**	**5 747.0**	**961.6**	**4 008.8**	**2 823.7**	**975.0**	**671.6**	**3 087.6**	**743.0**
Total fixed-wing	**17 646.3**	**18 292.3**	**3 727.2**	**19 318.0**	**12 776.4**	**4 018.0**	**2 182.8**	**14 628.8**	**3 810.0**
Total rotary-wing	**9 146.2**	**9 277.6**	**1 967.2**	**12 561.6**	**11 163.3**	**2 355.0**	**983.1**	**12 136.9**	**1 744.0**
Total petrol, oil and other lubricants	**5 923.8**	**5 264.0**	–	**6 261.9**	**4 361.5**	–	–	**5 976.8**	–
Total other	**4 273.3**	**4 144.4**	**53.3**	**4 404.7**	**879.6**	**78.0**	**45.1**	**4 671.1**	**12.5**
Total	**36 989.6**	**36 978.3**	**5 747.7**	**42 546.2**	**29 180.8**	**6 451.0**	**3 211.0**	**37 413.6**	**5 566.5**

Note: The "Other" category includes equipment and supplies, services, landing fees and ground handling charges, and aircrew subsistence allowance.

Annex V

Security-related resources for special political missions, 2018 and 2019

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Number of security-related positions		*Other security-related resources*		
	Approved 2018	*Proposed 2019*	*Approved 2018*	*Proposed 2019*	*Remarks*
Thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys, advisers and representatives of the Secretary-General					
Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	1 FS, 1 LL	1 FS, 1 LL	14.5	11.2	Firefighting equipment and uniforms, and maintenance of closed-circuit television, fire alarm, burglary alarm and fire suppression systems and security barriers
United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions	–	–	7.0	7.0	Security services for the Geneva discussions/ conferences provided by the United Nations Office at Geneva
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	22 (1 P-4, 5 FS, 16 LL)	22 (1 P-4, 5 FS, 16 LL)	904.5	936.7	UNDP led cost-sharing for Four Seasons hotel, United Nations local cost-shared budget and security services for meetings in Geneva
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	–	–	2.3	2.3	Office's share of common security services provided by the United Nations Office at Nairobi
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	20 (1 P-4, 2 P-3, 14 FS, 3 LL)	20 (1 P-4, 2 P-3, 14 FS, 3 LL)	335.8	497.2	Increased cost is for security acquisitions, contracted security guards and government-provided security for new premises in Sana'a and Aden, as well as armed escort cost for Special Envoy's visit to Yemen
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi	4 (1 P-4, 3 FS)	4 (1 P-4, 3 FS)	85.9	93.0	Includes acquisition of closed-circuit television equipment, X-ray machine and security items, as well as United Nations country team security services
Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other entities and mechanisms					
Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea	–	–	58.0	43.8	To provide for the charges related to Security Officer positions made available by the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and to provide security services and escort to the experts of the Monitoring Group
Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	–	–	175.5	–	The reinforcement of the security of the office of the experts in the DC2 building at Headquarters, for which resources were approved in 2018, is expected to be completed in 2018 and will not require further resources in 2019
Panel of Experts on Yemen	5 FS	5 FS	100.0	73.4	Close protection for the experts, UNDP-shared security cost in Yemen and training for security officers
Panel of Experts on Mali	–	–	–	314.8	Close protection for the experts when travelling within Mali

	Number of security-related positions		*Other security-related resources*		
	Approved 2018	*Proposed 2019*	*Approved 2018*	*Proposed 2019*	*Remarks*
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	–	49 (1 P-4, 2 P-3, 31 FS, 15 LL)	–	1 045.3	Acquisition of safety and security equipment, and security services
Thematic cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions					
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	1 FS	1 FS	53.8	109.3	Increased contractual costs for security guard services for Dakar and Nouakchott offices, and acquisition of security hardware, locks and accessories and closed-circuit television services
United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	30 (1 P-3, 9 FS, 20 LL)	30 (1 P-3, 9 FS, 20 LL)	348.7	365.6	Security services and equipment
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	62 (1 P-4, 1 P-3, 32 FS, 9 NPO, 19 LL)	68 (1 P-4, 1 P-3, 38 FS, 9 NPO, 19 LL)	2 433.4	2 855.5	The six additional Security Officer positions are proposed for establishment to support the strengthened presence of the Mission in the regions. The increased costs are for improved security services for radio operations for regional offices and security guard services for the new office in Galmudug. These resources are required to support the implementation of the additional mandated tasks in Security Council resolution 2408 (2018)
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	9 LL	9 LL	7.8	7.8	The provision is for: (a) the Regional Centre's contribution to the United Nations common/inter-agency security budget in Turkmenistan; and (b) the cost of a UNDP-hired local security guard to complement the existing guard force level providing around-the-clock protection and access control at the Centre's premises
United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	–	–	81.1	62.9	Security guard services and security contribution to the United Nations country team for the offices in Yaoundé and Calabar, Nigeria
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	51 (1 P-4, 4 FS, 46 LL)	51 (1 P-4, 4 FS, 46 LL)	98.7	79.5	Ammunition, uniforms and accessories and contribution to the Security Information and Operations Centre for Mission staff
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	1 FS	1 FS	126.2	123.4	Contractual security services
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	94 (2 P-4, 3 P-3, 1 P-2, 68 FS, 20 LL)	110 (2 P-4, 3 P-3, 1 P-2, 76 FS, 28 LL)	7 031.0	6 846.0	Reduced requirements for security services in Oea and Benghazi based on actual expenditures
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	41 (1 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 P-2, 13 FS, 5 NPO, 20 LL)	41 (1 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 P-2, 14 FS, 5 NPO, 19 LL)	1 720.4	2 700.0	Increase is due to the hiring of one security company mission-wide that will provide guards in all locations and all new relocation points

	Number of security-related positions		*Other security-related resources*		
	Approved 2018	*Proposed 2019*	*Approved 2018*	*Proposed 2019*	*Remarks*
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	409 (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 9 P-3, 2 P-2, 79 FS, 5 NPO, 307 LL, 4 UNV)	379 (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 9 P-3, 2 P-2, 80 FS, 5 NPO, 276 LL, 4 UNV)	12 213.7	12 922.8	Cost of replacement of aged X-ray machines for all Mission locations, the acquisition of additional field defence supplies and the outsourcing of 31 positions of Security Guard (LL)
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	237 (1 P-5, 5 P-4, 5 P-3, 2 P-2, 97 FS, 10 NPO, 117 LL)	223 (1 P-5, 5 P-4, 5 P-3, 2 P-2, 89 FS, 10 NPO, 111 LL)	9 133.4	8 166.8	Net decrease reflects cost-sharing with United Nations country team, offset in part by increased requirements for the acquisition of security equipment and security services for the new office in Mosul

Abbreviations: FS, Field Service; LL, Local level; NPO, National Professional Officer; UNDP, United Nations Development Programme; UNV, United Nations Volunteer.

Annex VI

Official travel resources for special political missions, 2018 and 2019

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Approved 2018	*Proposed 2019*	*Increase/ decrease*	*Increase/ decrease (percentage)*	
	(1)	*(2)*	*(3) = (2)–(1)*	*(4) = (3)/(1)*	*Explanation for variance*
Thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys, advisers and representatives of the Secretary-General					
Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	185.5	150.5	(35.0)	(18.9)	The decrease is due mainly to a reduction in non-training travel owing to the progress made in the previous rounds of negotiations
Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide	365.6	365.6	–	–	
Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara	113.8	113.8	–	–	
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004)	63.3	50.9	(12.4)	(19.6)	The decrease is due mainly to the uncertainty regarding the appointment of a new Special Envoy
United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions	317.2	317.2	–	–	
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	1 840.0	1 648.9	(191.1)	(10.4)	The decrease is due mainly to efforts by the Mission to use alternative means of communication instead of travel where possible and utilize official travel only where direct face-to-face contact is necessary for mandate implementation, and to keep travel delegation sizes to the required minimum
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan	161.7	161.7	–	–	
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	478.9	367.6	(111.3)	(23.2)	The decrease is due mainly to the reduction of travel in the region, the utilization of videoconferencing and efforts to streamline planned travel through better planning, by combining trips and by reducing travel days
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	805.4	760.7	(44.7)	(5.6)	The decrease is due mainly to the cost-shared rental of a fixed-wing aircraft with the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq for trips between Amman and Yemen, resulting in lower projected airfare costs

	Approved 2018	Proposed 2019	Increase decrease	Increase decrease (percentage)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)=(2)-(1)	(4)=(3)/(1)	Explanation for variance
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi	879.2	607.7	(271.5)	(30.9)	The decrease is due mainly to the slower pace of political progress planned compared with the amount included in the budget for 2018
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar	131.5	174.9	43.4	33.0	The increase is due mainly to the provision for a full year of operations of a fully staffed mission compared with the initial mission start-up phase in 2018
Subtotal	**5 342.1**	**4 719.5**	**(622.6)**	**(11.7)**	
Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other entities and mechanisms					
Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea	28.8	28.8	–	–	
Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	26.7	26.7	–	–	
Panel of Experts on the Sudan	17.7	17.7	–	–	
Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	32.9	32.9	–	–	
Panel of Experts on Libya	32.9	32.9	–	–	
Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic	40.0	40.0	–	–	
Panel of Experts on Yemen	131.7	53.7	(78.0)	(59.2)	The decrease is due mainly to the lower number of actual and planned trips by the Panel of Experts requiring support from the close protection team owing to the security situation on the ground
Panel of Experts on South Sudan	35.3	35.3	–	–	
Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	136.4	136.4	–	–	
Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution 1904 (2009)	35.8	35.8	–	–	
Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)	75.3	75.3	–	–	
Panel of Experts on Mali	33.8	206.1	172.3	509.8	The increase is due mainly to requirements for travel of Security Officers to provide close protection to the team pursuant to the security risk assessment recommendation by the Department of Safety and Security, which was not provided for in the budget for 2018
Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction	71.2	71.2	–	–	

	Approved 2018	*Proposed 2019*	*Increase decrease*	*Increase decrease (percentage)*	
	(1)	*(2)*	*(3) (2)-(1)*	*(4) (3) (1)*	*Explanation for variance*
Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	1 162.1	1 162.1	—	–	
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	–	665.4	665.4	–	Mission commenced activities in August 2018
Subtotal	**1 860.6**	**2 620.3**	**759.7**	**40.8**	
Thematic cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions					
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	951.6	1 040.3	88.7	9.3	The increase is due mainly to increased activities in the area of elections to address potential issues before, during and after the polls, and the need to strengthen regional capacities to address the security situation in the Sahel and the Lake Chad Basin
United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	673.1	716.0	42.9	6.4	The increase is due mainly to official travel relating to electoral support and community outreach in line with Security Council resolution 2404 (2018)
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	1 307.8	1 321.3	13.5	1.0	The increase is mainly for the Mission presence in the regions, including the new office in Galmudug (Dhuusamarreeb), in accordance with Security Council resolution 2408 (2018)
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	245.2	242.4	(2.8)	(1.1)	The decrease reflects the actual/current costs of travel
United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	332.3	332.3	—	–	
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	224.7	232.8	8.1	3.6	The increase is due mainly to three mandatory security training sessions for recertification/requalification, which have been included in the budget for 2019
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	686.5	675.1	(11.4)	(1.7)	The decrease reflects the actual/current costs of travel
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	2 611.6	2 165.0	(446.6)	(17.1)	The decrease is due mainly to a lower temporary rotation of presence in Tripoli. The Mission will gradually relocate 82 per cent of international staff based in Tunis to Tripoli on the basis of the security situation and capacity of mission support by April 2019, while keeping its presence in the Libyan regions of Benghazi and Sabha under rotational travel

	Approved 2018	*Proposed 2019*	*Increase decrease*	*Increase decrease (percentage)*	
	(1)	*(2)*	*(3) (2)-(1)*	*(4) (3) (1)*	*Explanation for variance*
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	2 299.6	2 035.5	(264.1)	(11.5)	The decrease is due mainly to improved travel planning based on experience in the mission area during 2018
Subtotal	**9 332.4**	**8 760.7**	**(571.7)**	**(6.1)**	
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	1 482.5	1 480.8	(1.7)	(0.1)	
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	1 269.1	1 534.7	265.6	20.9	The variance is due mainly to a projected increase in requirements for within-mission travel owing to the addition of the Mosul office
Subtotal	**2 751.6**	**3 015.5**	**263.9**	**9.6**	
Total	**19 286.7**	**19 116.0**	**(170.7)**	**(0.9)**	

Annex VII

Compliance of special political missions with the 16-day advance booking policy, 1 January 2015 to 30 June 2018

(Percentage)

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys, advisers and representatives of the Secretary-General				
1. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	0	2	2	0
2. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide	0	1	19	35
3. Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara	0	0	0	0
4. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004)		0	50	0
5. United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions	80	87	89	85
6. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	0	1	3	4
7. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan	0	6	4	0
8. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	0	1	5	15
9. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	0	1	16	17
10. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi	n/a	0	1	9
11. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other entities and mechanisms				
12. Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea	0	5	32	20
13. Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo		14	33	17
14. Panel of Experts on the Sudan	0	14	51	59
15. Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea		15	62	50
16. Panel of Experts on Libya	0	5	68	45
17. Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic		8	43	22
18. Panel of Experts on Yemen	0	0	38	21
19. Panel of Experts on South Sudan	0	8	29	25
20. Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	0	9	60	50
21. Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution 1904 (2009)	n/a	n/a	83	0
22. Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)	n/a	0	7	23
23. Panel of Experts on Mali	n/a	n/a	–	33
24. Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of all weapons of mass destruction	0	8	29	29
25. Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	0	14	45	46
26. United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Thematic cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions				
27. United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	–	12	4	7
28. United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	12	25	27	25
29. United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	5	15	15	13
30. United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	0	45	27	40
31. United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	60	11	21	7

	2015	2016	2017	2018[a]
32. Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon	0	9	24	13
33. United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	0	7	10	20
34. United Nations Support Mission in Libya	3	10	30	23
35. United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	n/a	n/a	3	4
UNAMA and UNAMI				
36. United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	17	21	27	31
37. United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	15	19	27	19

Note: A dash indicates that no air travel was undertaken in that quarter. A zero indicates that there was no compliance with the 16-day advance booking policy. "n/a" indicates that the mission did not exist in that period.

[a] Period from January to June 2018.

[b] Pursuant to section XXII, paragraph 17, of General Assembly resolution 72/262 A, the budget of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities and the budget of the Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution 1904 (2009) are presented separately from 2018 onwards. The information for the Office of the Ombudsperson for 2015, 2016 and 2017 is presented under the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team.

The figures for 2015 and 2016 reflect the information for the United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA) only. The figures for 2017 and 2018 reflect the figures for the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel following the merger of UNOWA and the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel.

Annex VIII

Backstopping positions funded from special political mission budgets, 2018 and 2019

Approved for 2018

Mission	*Department*	*Division/office*	*Functional title*	*D-2*	*D-1*	*P-5*	*P-4*	*P-3*	*P-2*	*General Service*	*Total*
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	DPA	Middle East and West Asia Division	Senior Political Affairs Officer	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
			Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
			Administrative Assistant	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Subtotal				–	1	1	–	–	–	1	3
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	DFS	Logistics Support Division	Acquisition Planning Logistics Officer	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
	DM	Programme Planning and Budget Division	Programme Budget Assistant	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Subtotal				–	–	–	1	–	–	1	2
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	DPA	Africa I	Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
			Administrative Assistant	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Subtotal				–	–	1	–	–	–	1	2
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi	DPA	Africa I	Political Affairs Officer	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
			Team Assistant	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Subtotal				–	–	–	1	–	–	1	2
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	DPA	Africa II	Senior Political Affairs Officer	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
			Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Subtotal				–	1	1	–	–	–	–	2
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	DPA	Africa I	Senior Political Affairs Officer	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
	DPKO	Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions	Programme Management Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
	DM	Programme Planning and Budget Division	Programme Budget Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Subtotal				–	1	2	–	–	–	–	3
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	DPA	Africa II	Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Subtotal				–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1

Mission	*Department*	*Division/office*	*Functional title*	*D-1*	*P-5*	*P-4*	*P-3*	*P-2*	*General Service*	*Total*
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	DPA	Africa II	Senior Political Affairs Officer	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
			Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
			Administrative Assistant	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
	DPA	Electoral Assistance Division	Electoral Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
	DFS	Operational Support Team/Office of the Assistant Secretary-General	Programme and Planning Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Subtotal				–	1	3	–	–	1	5
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	DPA	Americas Division	Senior Political Affairs Officer	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
			Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
			Administrative Assistant	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
	DPKO	Office of Military Affairs	Military Planning Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
	DFS	Logistics Support Division	Logistics Officer	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
	DFS	Operational Support Team	Planning and Programme Officer	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
Subtotal				–	1	2	2	–	1	6
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	DPA	Middle East and West Asia Division	Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
			Political Affairs Officer	–	–	–	2	–	–	2
	DPA	Electoral Assistance Division	Electoral Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Subtotal				–	–	2	2	–	–	4
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	DPA	Afghanistan Team/Middle East and West Asia Division	Principal Political Affairs Officer	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
			Senior Political Affairs Officer	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
			Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
			Political Affairs Officer	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
			Administrative Assistant	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
	DPA	Electoral Assistance Division	Electoral Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Subtotal				1	1	2	1	–	1	6
Total				1	6	15	7	–	7	36

Note: For the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq and the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, the data reflect the approved backstopping positions from 1 July to 31 December 2018.

Abbreviations: DFS, Department of Field Support; DM, Department of Management; DPA, Department of Political Affairs; DPKO, Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

Proposed for 2019

Mission	*Department*	*Division/office*	*Functional title*	*D-1*	*P-5*	*P-4*	*P-3*	*P-2*	*General Service*	*total*
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	DPPA	Middle East Division	Senior Political Affairs Officer	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
			Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
			Administrative Assistant	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Subtotal				–	1	1	–	–	1	3
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	DOS	Logistics Division, Office of Supply Chain Management	Acquisition Planning/ Logistics Officer	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
	DMSPC	Field Operations Finance Division	Programme Budget Assistant	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
	DPPA	Middle East Division	Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Subtotal				–	–	1	1	–	1	3
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	DPPA	Central and Southern Africa Division	Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
			Administrative Assistant	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Subtotal				–	–	1	–	–	1	2
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi	DPPA	Central and Southern Africa Division	Political Affairs Officer	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
			Team Assistant	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
Subtotal				–	–	–	1	–	1	2
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	DPPA	Middle East Division	Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
	DOS	Division for Special Activities/ Operational Planning Service	Programme and Planning Officer	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
Subtotal				–	–	1	1	–	–	2
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	DPPA	Western Africa Division	Senior Political Affairs Officer	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
			Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Subtotal				–	1	1	–	–	–	2

Mission	Department	Division/office	Functional title	D-1	P-5	P-4	P-3	P-2	General Service	Total
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	DPPA	Eastern Africa Division	Senior Political Affairs Officer	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
	DPO	Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions	Programme Management Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
	DMSPC	Field Operations Finance Division	Programme Budget Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Subtotal				–	1	2	–	–	–	3
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	DPPA	Western Africa Division	Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Subtotal				–	–	1	–	–	–	1
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	DPPA	Northern Africa Division	Senior Political Affairs Officer	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
			Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
			Administrative Assistant	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
	DPPA	Electoral Assistance Division	Electoral Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
	DOS	Division for Special Activities/ Operational Planning Service	Programme and Planning Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Subtotal				–	1	3	–	–	1	5
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	DPPA	Americas Division	Senior Political Affairs Officer	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
			Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
			Administrative Assistant	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
	DPO	Office of Military Affairs	Military Planning Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
	DOS	Logistics Division, Office of Supply Chain Management	Logistics Officer	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
	DOS	Division for Special Activities/ Operational Planning Service	Planning and Programme Officer	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
Subtotal				–	1	2	2	–	1	6
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	DPPA	Middle East Division	Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
			Political Affairs Officer	–	–	–	2	–	–	2
	DPPA	Electoral Assistance Division	Electoral Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Subtotal				–	–	2	2	–	–	4
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	DPPA	Afghanistan Team/Asia and the Pacific Division	Principal Political Affairs Officer	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
			Senior Political Affairs Officer	–	1	–	–	–	–	1

Mission	*Department*	*Division/office*	*Functional title*	*D-1*	*P-5*	*P-4*	*P-3*	*P-2*	*General Service*	*Total*
			Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
			Political Affairs Officer	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
			Administrative Assistant	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
	DPPA	Electoral Assistance Division	Electoral Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Subtotal				**1**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**–**	**1**	**6**
Total				**1**	**6**	**17**	**8**	**–**	**7**	**39**

Abbreviations: DMSPC, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance; DOS, Department of Operational Support; DPO, Department of Peace Operations; DPPA, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs.

Detailed summary of proposed changes for 2019

Mission	*Department*	*Division/office*	*Functional title*	*D-1*	*P-5*	*P-4*	*P-3*	*P-2*	*General Service*	*Total*
Total approved 2018				1	6	15	7	–	7	36
Proposed for establishment in 2019										
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	DPPA	Middle East Division	Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	DPPA	Middle East Division	Political Affairs Officer	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
	DOS	Division for Special Activities/ Operational Planning Service	Programme and Planning Officer	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
Total				–	–	2	1	–	–	3
Proposed for abolishment in 2019										
Total proposed for abolishment in 2019				–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total proposed for 2019				**1**	**6**	**17**	**8**	**–**	**7**	**39**

Abbreviations: DOS, Department of Operational Support; DPO, Department of Peace Operations; DPPA, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs.

Summary of proposed changes, by department

Mission	*Department*	*Division office*	*Functional title*	*D-1*	*P-5*	*P-4*	*P-3*	*P-2*	*General Service*	*Total*
DPA/DPPA										
Approved 2018				1	6	11	4	–	6	28
Proposed 2019				1	6	13	4	–	6	30
Change				–	–	**2**	–	–	–	**2**
DPKO/DPO										
Approved 2018				–	–	2	–	–	–	2
Proposed 2019				–	–	2	–	–	–	2
Change				–	–	–	–	–	–	–
DFS/DOS										
Approved 2018				–	–	1	3	–	–	4
Proposed 2019				–	–	1	4	–	–	5
Change				–	–	–	**1**	–	–	**1**
DM/DMSPC										
Approved 2018				–	–	1	–	–	1	2
Proposed 2019				–	–	1	–	–	1	2
Change				–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Net change				–	–	**2**	**1**	–	–	**3**

Abbreviations: DFS, Department of Field Support; DM, Department of Management; DMSPC, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance; DOS, Department of Operational Support; DPKO, Department of Peacekeeping Operations; DPO, Department of Peace Operations; DPA, Department of Political Affairs; DPPA, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs.

Annex IX

Support provided free of charge by the host country to special political missions

	Contributor	*Description of contribution*	*Approximate annual value (United States dollars)*
Thematic cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions			
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	Government of Senegal	Premises	21 500
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	Government of Turkmenistan	Office premises	379 737
United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	Government of Senegal	Premises	20 700
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Premises, United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa offices	113 100
United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Premises, residence of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General	41 644
UNAMA and UNAMI			
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	Government of Afghanistan	Vehicle registration	–
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	Government of Afghanistan	Landing rights at airports	120 546
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	Government of Afghanistan	Airport fees (embarkation/ disembarkation)	566 907
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	Government of Afghanistan	Regional office in Jalalabad: building, total area 1,409 m^2	3 889
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	Ministry of the Interior, Afghanistan	Regional office in Kunduz: building, total area 2,164 m^2	77 913
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	Government of Afghanistan	Air terminal (Kabul): land, total area 4,700 m^2	6 205
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	Government of Afghanistan	Air terminal (Kunduz): land, total area 20 m^2	240
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	Government of Afghanistan	Air terminal (Mazar-e Sharif): land, total area 2,184 m^2	65 520
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	Ministry of the Interior, Afghanistan	Regional office in Kunduz: land, total area 15,126 m^2	181 509
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	Government of Afghanistan	Regional office in Jalalabad: land, total area 21,772 m^2	8 491 080
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	Government of Afghanistan	Regional office in Kandahar: land, total area 41,558 m^2	224 413
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	Government of Afghanistan	Regional office in Mazar-e Sharif: land, total area 55,234 m^2	1 657 020
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	Government of Afghanistan	Provincial office in Bamyan: land, total area 13,200 m^2	17 424
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	Government of Iraq	Landing rights at airport(s)	293 014
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	Government of Iraq	Airport fees, embarkation/ disembarkation fees	1 610

Annex X

Comparison of vacancy rates of special political missions, 2018 and 2019

A. Cluster I: special and personal envoys, advisers and representatives of the Secretary-General

	Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	*Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide*	*Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara*	*Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004)*	*United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions*	*Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria*	*Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General to the Sudan and South Sudan*	*Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region*	*Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen*	*Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi*	*Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar*
International staff											
Approved positions, 2018	16	10	2	3	7	61	5	19	61	24	4
Budgeted vacancy rate (percentage), 2017	8	3	5	5	14	45	20	32	30	31; new positions: 50	–
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	19	0	50	5	18	35	18	21	20	21	78
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	20	0	0	5	14	31	20	26	15	8	50
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	11	0	0	5	12	31	18	21	16	18	54
Proposed positions, 2019	16	10	2	3	7	61	5	19	62	24	4
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	14	5	5	5	5	35; new positions: 50	20	20	15; new positions: 50	21	5
National Professional Officers											
Approved positions, 2018	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	1	8	2	–
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	5	50	5	–
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	0	38	0	–
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	–	–	–	–	–	–	0	0	38	0	–

	Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide	Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara	Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004)	United Nations Representative to the Lasting International Discussions	Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan	Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region	Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Burundi	Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	38	0	—
Proposed positions, 2019	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	8	2	—
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	30	5	—
National staff (Local level)											
Approved positions, 2018	5	—	—	—	—	31	2	7	26	5	1
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	9	—	—	—	—	12	5	14	50	5	—
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	13	—	—	—	—	6	0	14	35	0	100
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	20	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	27	0	100
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	8	—	—	—	—	6	0	0	27	0	67
Proposed positions, 2019	5	—	—	—	—	33	2	7	28	5	1
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	10	—	—	—	—	6; new positions, 35	5	14	30; new positions, 35	5	5

B. Cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other entities and mechanisms

	Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea	Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	Panel of Experts on the Sudan	Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Panel of Experts on Libya	Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic	Panel of Experts on Yemen	Panel of Experts on South Sudan	Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015)	Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution 1904 (2009)	Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)	Panel of Experts on Mali	Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)	Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate	United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant
International staff															
Approved positions, 2018	2	1	1	6	2	2	6	3	19	2	11	1	5	50	–
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	14	14	27	50	5	5 new positions: 50	–
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	9	0	29	25	0	13	–
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	27	0	0	10	–
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	20	17	0	10	–
Proposed positions, 2019	2	1	1	6	2	2	6	3	19	2	9	1	5	50	135
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	Professional: 50; FS: 35
National staff (Local level)															
Approved positions, 2018	5	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	5	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

	Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea	*Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo*	*Panel of Experts on the Sudan*	*Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea*	*Panel of Experts on Libya*	*Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic*	*Panel of Experts on Yemen*	*Panel of Experts on South Sudan*	*Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015)*	*Office of the Ombudsperson established pursuant to resolution 1904 (2009)*	*Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)*	*Panel of Experts on Mali*	*Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)*	*Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate*	*United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant*
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proposed positions, 2019	5	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	5	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35

C. Cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions

(Percentages have been rounded)

	United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	*United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau*	*United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia*	*United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia*	*United Nations support for the Cameroon/Nigeria Mixed Commission*	*Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon*	*United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa*	*United Nations Support Mission in Libya*	*United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia*
Military observers (military advisers)									
Approved positions, 2018	2	2	–	–	1	–	–	–	120
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	0	0	–	–	0	–	–	–	5
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	0	50	–	–	0	–	–	–	6
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	0	50	–	–	0	–	–	–	8
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	0	50	–	–	0	–	–	–	5
Proposed positions, 2019	2	1	–	–	1	–	–	–	120
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	5	0	–	–	5	–	–	–	5
Contingents									
Approved positions, 2018	–	–	530	–	–	–	–	234	–
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	0	–
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	2	–
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	2	–
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	2	–
Proposed positions, 2019	–	–	530	–	–	–	–	234	–
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	0	–

	United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	*United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau*	*United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia*	*United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia*	*United Nations Support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission*	*Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon*	*United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa*	*United Nations Support Mission in Libya*	*United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia*
Police advisers (United Nations police)									
Approved positions, 2018	–	13	14	–	–	–	–	–	–
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	–	5	0	–	–	–	–	–	–
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	–	8	0	–	–	–	–	–	–
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	–	0	0	–	–	–	–	–	–
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	–	0	0	–	–	–	–	–	–
Proposed positions, 2019	–	0	14	–	–	–	–	–	–
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	–	–	0	–	–	–	–	–	–
International staff									
Approved positions, 2018	38	63	161	8	10	20	29	198	153
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	11	18; new positions: 50	19; new positions: 50	5	5	15	7	20; new Professional: 50; new FS: 35	21; new positions: 50, backstopping: 5
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	11	5	11	5	0	6	7	16	22
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	11	6	7	0	0	5	10	12	15
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	8	3	7	3	0	6	7	13	20
Proposed positions, 2019	38	58 up to June 2019; 57 from July to Dec. 2019	183	8	9	20	29	210	158

	United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	*United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau*	*United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia*	*United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia*	*United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission*	*Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon*	*United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa*	*United Nations Support Mission in Libya*	*United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia*
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	11	5; new positions: 50	7; new positions: 50	5	5	6	7	12; new positions: 50	21; new positions: 50; backstopping: 5
National Professional Officers									
Approved positions, 2018	6	26	71	4	–	4	3	8	72
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	5	11	35; new positions: 50	5	–	5	33	33	16; new positions: 35
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	0	4	29	0	–	0	33	25	13
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	0	4	26	0	–	0	33	25	7
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	0	4	25	0	–	0	33	25	11
Proposed positions, 2019	0	25	84	4	–	4	3	13	77
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	5	4; new positions: 35	29; new positions: 35	5	–	5	33	23; new positions: 35	10; new positions: 35
National staff (Local level)									
Approved positions, 2018	19	42	41	18	2	58	9	67	81
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	5	5; new positions: 35	41	5	5	5	5; new positions: 35	25; new positions: 35	35; new positions: 35
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	0	5	36	4	0	6	11	28	33
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	0	0	34	0	0	3	11	23	12
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	0	2	27	3	0	4	11	24	26
Proposed positions, 2019	18 from 1 July	42	45	18	2	58	9	83	80

	United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	*United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau*	*United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia*	*United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia*	*United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission*	*Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon*	*United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa*	*United Nations Support Mission in Libya*	*United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia*
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	5	5	36; new positions: 35	9	5	6	11	23; new positions: 35	30; new positions: 35
United Nations Volunteers									
Approved positions, 2018	–	11	4	–	–	–	–	5	85
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	–	International: 5; national: 21	5	–	–	–	–	40	International: 7; national: 50; new positions: 35
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	–	International: 29; national: 0	0					20	11
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	–	International: 14; national: 0	0					20	8
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	–	International: 14; national: 0	0					20	11
Proposed positions, 2019	–	International: 4; national: 7	13					6	113
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	–	International: 29; national: 5; new positions: 35	0; new positions: 50					20; new: 50	8

Note: En dash in the table (–) denotes a personnel category that is not applicable for that mission.

D. United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq

	UNAMA	*UNAMI*
International staff		
Approved positions, 2018	308	331
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	–	12.0
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	–	6.0
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	14.8	8.0
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	10.1	6.0
Proposed positions, 2019	304	314
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	–	11.0
National Professional Officers		
Approved positions, 2018	124	118
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	–	18.0
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	–	8.0
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	11.9	8.0
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	8.1	8.0
Proposed positions, 2019	124	104
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	–	6.0
National staff (Local level)		
Approved positions, 2018	738	403
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	–	12.0
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	–	6.0
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	5.1	7.0
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	3.0	6.0
Proposed positions, 2019	710	380
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	–	6.0
Military contingents		
Approved positions, 2018	–	245
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	–	1.0
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	–	2.0
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	–	4.0
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	–	2.0
Proposed positions, 2019	–	245
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	–	1.0
Military observers		
Approved positions, 2018	1	–
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	–	–
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	–	–
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	66.7	–
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	0.0	–
Proposed positions, 2019	1	–
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	–	–

	UNAMA	UNAMI
United Nations police		
Approved positions, 2018	–	–
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	–	–
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	–	–
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	–	–
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	–	–
Proposed positions, 2019	–	–
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	–	–
United Nations Volunteers		
Approved positions, 2018	67	–
Budgeted vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	–	–
Actual average vacancy rate, January to August 2018 (percentage)	–	–
Actual vacancy rate as at 31 August 2018 (percentage)	14.3	–
Projected average vacancy rate, 2018 (percentage)	7.5	–
Proposed positions, 2019	68	2
Proposed vacancy rate, 2019 (percentage)	–	35.0

Annex XI

Positions vacant for over two years in special political missions, as at 30 April 2018

Mission	*Office*	*Level*	*Title*	*Vacant since*	*Status of recruitment*
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	Security	P-4	Chief Security Officer	16 December 2015	Candidate selected
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	Damascus office	P-4	Military Adviser	6 April 2016	Onboarding
UNSOM	Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General/Gender Affairs Unit	P-3	Gender Affairs Officer	3 February 2016	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General/Gender Affairs Unit	NPO	Associate Gender Affairs Officer	1 January 2016	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General/Gender Affairs Unit	NPO	Associate Gender Affairs Officer	1 January 2016	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General/Integrated Electoral Support Group	NPO	Associate Electoral Officer	1 January 2016	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General/Integrated Electoral Support Group	NPO	Associate Electoral Officer	1 January 2016	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General/Integrated Electoral Support Group	NPO	Associate Electoral Officer	1 January 2016	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General/Integrated Electoral Support Group	LL	Administrative Assistant	1 January 2015	Onboarding
UNSOM	Political Affairs and Mediation Group/Office of the Chief, Political Affairs	LL	Administrative Assistant	21 April 2016	Onboarding

Mission	*Office*	*Level*	*Title*	*Vacant since*	*Status of recruitment*
UNSOM	Political Affairs and Mediation Group	NPO	Associate Political Affairs Officer	1 January 2016	Job opening advertised
UNSOM	Political Affairs and Mediation Group	LL	Field Language Assistant	1 January 2016	Pre-posting of job opening
UNSOM	Political Affairs and Mediation Group	LL	Field Language Assistant	1 January 2016	Pre-posting of job opening
UNSOM	Political Affairs and Mediation Group	LL	Field Language Assistant	1 January 2016	Pre-posting of job opening
UNSOM	Political Affairs and Mediation Group/ Political Affairs Unit	P-3	Political Affairs Officer	1 March 2016	Onboarding
UNSOM	Office of the Director, Rule of Law and Security Institutions Group	LL	Administrative Assistant	1 January 2016	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Office of the Director, Rule of Law and Security Institutions Group/Justice and Corrections	NPO	Associate Corrections Officer	1 January 2016	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Office of the Director, Rule of Law and Security Institutions Group/Justice and Corrections	NPO	Associate Corrections Officer	1 January 2016	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Human Rights and Protection Group/ Child Protection	NPO	Associate Child Protection Officer	1 January 2016	Onboarding
UNSOM	Regional and liaison offices	NPO	Political Affairs Officer	1 January 2016	Review by the central review body
UNSOM	Regional and liaison offices	LL	Administrative Assistant	1 January 2015	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Regional and liaison offices	LL	Field Language Assistant	7 January 2016	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Regional and liaison offices	LL	Light Vehicle Driver	1 January 2016	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Regional and liaison offices	LL	Field Language Assistant	1 January 2016	Candidates under review

Mission	*Office*	*Level*	*Title*	*Vacant since*	*Status of recruitment*
UNSOM	Office of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General (Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator)/Community Recovery and Extension of State Authority and Accountability Unit	NPO	Associate Coordination Officer	1 January 2016	Review by the central review body
UNSOM	Office of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs	NPO	Assistant Public Information Officer	1 April 2016	Onboarding
UNSOM	Office of the Director, Safety and Security Section	NPO	Associate Security Coordination Officer	1 January 2016	Review by the central review body
UNSOM	Office of the Director, Safety and Security Section	NPO	Associate Security Coordination Officer	1 January 2016	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Office of the Director, Safety and Security Section	NPO	Associate Security Coordination Officer	1 January 2016	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Office of the Director, Safety and Security Section	NPO	Associate Security Coordination Officer	1 January 2016	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Office of the Director, Safety and Security Section	NPO	Associate Security Coordination Officer	1 January 2016	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Office of the Director, Safety and Security Section	LL	Field Security Assistant	1 January 2016	Candidates under review
UNSOM	Office of the Director, Safety and Security Section	LL	Field Security Assistant	1 January 2016	Review by the central review body
UNSOM	Office of the Director, Safety and Security Section	LL	Field Security Assistant	1 January 2016	Review by the central review body
UNSOM	Office of the Director, Safety and Security Section	LL	Field Security Assistant	1 January 2016	Review by the central review body
UNSOM	Office of the Director, Safety and Security Section	LL	Field Security Assistant	1 January 2016	Review by the central review body
UNSOM	Office of the Director, Safety and Security Section	LL	Field Security Assistant	1 January 2016	Review by the central review body

Mission	Office	Level	Title	Vacant since	Status of recruitment
UNSOM	Office of the Director, Safety and Security Section	LL	Field Security Assistant	1 January 2016	Review by the central review body
UNOCA	Public Information Section	NPO	Associate Public Information Officer	1 January 2016	Onboarding
UNSMIL	Security Institutions Division	P-5	Senior Border Monitor	1 August 2015	Onboarding
UNSMIL	Human Resources Section	NPO	Human Resources Officer	1 January 2016	No action
UNAMI	Office of Political Affairs	NPO	Associate Political Affairs Officer	14 November 2015	Candidate selected; onboarding on hold
UNAMI	Integrated Coordination Office for Development and Humanitarian Affairs	NPO	Assistant Humanitarian Liaison	1 January 2016	Earmarked for abolishment
UNAMI	Integrated Coordination Office for Development and Humanitarian Affairs	NPO	Assistant Humanitarian Liaison	1 January 2016	Onboarding in progress
UNAMI	Central Warehouse Section	LL	Supply Assistant	1 January 2015	Selection memo received; position is on hold
UNAMI	Central Warehouse Section	LL	Supply Assistant	29 February 2016	Selected candidate reported for duty on 25 June 2018
UNAMI	Surface Transport Section	LL	Vehicle Technician	1 January 2015	Selection cancelled; position earmarked for abolishment in 2019
UNAMI	Property Management Section	LL	Team Assistant	1 April 2016	Candidate selected; onboarding on hold
UNAMI	Security Section	LL	Fire Safety Assistant	1 January 2013	Earmarked for abolishment in 2018

Abbreviations: FS, Field Service; LL, Local level; NPO, National Professional Officer; UNAMI, United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq; UNOCA, United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa; UNSMIL, United Nations Support Mission in Libya; UNSOM, United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia.

Annex XII

Changes in civilian positions in special political missions, 2019

	Number of positions	*Summary of proposed changes*
Cluster I: special and personal envoys, advisers and representatives of the Secretary-General		
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	2	
Establishment	4	1 Chief Human Resources Officer (P-4) in Geneva; and 1 Finance Assistant (FS) and 2 LL positions (1 Finance Assistant and 1 Human Resources Assistant) in the Kuwait Joint Support Office
Abolishment	(2)	2 Administrative Assistant (GS (OL)) in Geneva
Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen	3	
Establishment	4	1 Political Affairs Officer (P-4) for backstopping in the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, New York; and 1 Human Resources Assistant (FS) and 2 LL positions (1 Human Resources Assistant and 1 Finance Assistant) in the Kuwait Joint Support Office
Abolishment	(1)	1 Senior Security Sector Reform Officer (P-5) in Security Sector Section, Amman
Relocation/redeployment	–	Relocation of 1 Political Affairs Officer (P-4) in Political Affairs Section from Amman to Sana'a; relocation of 1 Security Officer (FS) in Safety and Security Section from Sana'a to Aden
Subtotal	5	
Cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels, and other entities and mechanisms		
Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015)	(2)	
Abolishment	(2)	1 Coordination Officer (P-3) and 1 Administrative Assistant (GS (OL))
United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant	135	
Establishment	135	1 ASG, 2 D-1, 5 P-5, 15 P-4, 13 P-3, 42 FS, 21 NPO, 29 LL and 7 UNV
Subtotal	133	
Cluster III: regional offices, offices in support of political processes and other missions		
United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel	(1)	
Abolishment	(1)	1 Finance and Budget Assistant (LL) effective 1 July 2019
United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau	(7)	
Establishment	14	2 P-5 positions (1 Chief of Section (new unit on countering drug trafficking and transnational organized crime) and 1 Senior Electoral Adviser), 1 Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer (P-4), 3 Drug Control and Crime Prevention Officer (P-3), 5 NPO positions (1 Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, 1 Drug Control and Crime

	Number of positions	Summary of proposed changes
		Prevention Officer, 1 Judicial Affairs Officer, 1 Associate Drug Control and Crime Prevention Officer and 1 Associate Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer) and 3 UNV positions in support of activities related to national elections
Abolishment	(21)	1 Chief of Service, Rule of Law and Security Institutions Section (D-1), 2 P-5 positions (1 Senior Police Adviser and 1 Senior Security Sector Reform Officer), 4 P-4 positions (1 Rule of Law Officer and 3 Security Sector Reform Officer), 4 P-3 positions (2 United Nations Police/Reform Officer and 1 Rule of Law Officer, as well as 1 Finance and Budget Officer effective 1 July 2019), 1 Administrative Assistant (FS), 6 NPO positions and 3 UNV positions (1 Security Sector Reform Officer-Defence Sector and 2 Rule of Law Officer)
Relocation/redeployment	2	2 positions (1 Judicial Affairs Officer (P-4) and 1 Administrative Assistant (LL)) from the former Rule of Law and Security Institutions Section to the new unit on countering drug trafficking and transnational organized crime
Reclassification		
United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	**48**	
Establishment	48	Establishment of 19 new positions in the Integrated Electoral Support Group (1 P-4, 6 P-3, 6 NPO and 6 UNV) and conversion of 17 general temporary assistance positions to regular positions in the Integrated Electoral Support Group (7 P-4, 1 FS, 6 NPO and 3 LL); establishment of 3 positions in the Regional and Liaison Office, Galmudug (1 FS, 1 NPO and 1 LL); establishment of 1 UNV position in the Rule of Law and Security Institutions Group (Galmudug); establishment of 6 FS positions in the Safety and Security Section; and establishment of 2 UNV positions in the Integrated Analysis Team and Integrated Information Hub
United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia	–	
Establishment	2	2 LL positions (1 Human Resources Assistant and 1 Logistics Assistant)
Abolishment	(2)	2 LL positions (1 Administrative Assistant and 1 Driver)
United Nations support for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission	**(1)**	
Abolishment	(1)	1 Senior Political Affairs Officer (P-5)
United Nations Support Mission in Libya	**34**	
Establishment	40	1 Associate Public Information Officer (NPO) in the Public Information and Communications Section; 2 Associate Gender Affairs Officer (NPO) in the Gender Advisory Unit; 1 Associate Political Affairs Officer (NPO) in the Political Affairs Division; 6 Security Officer (FS) and 1 Administrative Assistant (LL) in the Office of the Chief Security Adviser; 2 Security Officer (FS), 2 Field Security Assistant (LL) and 5 Security Radio Operator (LL) in the Security Information and Operations Centre; 1 Procurement Assistant (FS) in the Procurement Section; 1 Movement Control Assistant (FS) in the Air Operations and Movements Control Section; 1 Logistics Assistant (FS), 3 Supply Assistant (LL) and 1 Requisitions Planning Assistant (FS) in the Central Warehouse and Distribution Section; 1 Facilities Management Assistant (FS) in the Engineering and Facilities Management Section; 8 Driver (LL) and 2 Vehicle Technician (LL) in the Transport Section; and 1 Claims Assistant (LL) and 1 Contingent-owned Equipment Assistant (UNV) in the Property Management Services Section

	Number of positions	*Summary of proposed changes*
Abolishment	(6)	1 Human Resources Assistant (NPO) and 5 LL positions (3 Human Resources Assistant and 2 Finance Assistant) effective 1 July 2019
Relocation/redeployment	–	Relocation of 165 positions from Tunis to Tripoli (1 USG, 2 ASG, 7 D-1, 10 P-5, 24 P-4, 24 P-3, 2 P-2, 93 FS and 2 UNV); and 1 LL position from Brindisi to Tunis
Reclassification	–	Reclassification of 1 Assistant Political Officer (FS) as 1 Associate Political Affairs Officer (NPO); reclassification of 1 Language Assistant (LL) as 1 Field Translator (NPO)
United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia	**37**	
Establishment	46	2 positions in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (1 Senior Liaison Officer (P-5) and 1 Liaison Officer (NPO)); 33 positions in the Office of Verification (5 Liaison Officer (2 P-4, 1 P-3 and 2 NPO), and 28 Verification Officer (UNV) in local team sites); and 11 positions in Mission Support (1 Chief of Service Delivery (P-5), 1 Finance and Budget Assistant (FS), 1 Procurement Assistant (FS), 1 Property Disposal Assistant (FS), 1 Property Survey Assistant (FS), 1 Administrative Officer (NPO), 1 Travel Officer (NPO), 2 Engineering Assistant (LL), 1 Requisitions Assistant (LL) and 1 Human Resources Assistant (UNV))
Abolishment	(9)	2 positions in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (1 Senior Public Information Officer (P-5) and 1 Administrative Assistant (LL)); three positions in the Office of Verification (1 Economic Affairs Officer (P-4), 1 Judicial Affairs Officer (P-4) and 1 Information Management Officer (NPO)); and four positions in Mission Support (1 Administrative Assistant (FS), 1 Facilities Management Officer (NPO), 1 Regional Logistics Assistant (LL) and 1 Movement Control Assistant (UNV))
Relocation/redeployment	–	Redeployment of 5 positions: 1 Information Management Officer (NPO) from Office of Verification to Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General; 1 Information Analyst (NPO) from Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the Office of Verification; and in Mission Support, 1 Deputy Chief of Mission Support (P-5) to 1 Chief of Operations and Resources Management (P-5), 1 Chief of Service Delivery and Supply Chain Management (P-5) to 1 Chief of Supply Chain Management (P-5) and 1 Administrative Assistant (LL) from Office of the Chief of Mission Support to Human Resources Unit
Reclassification	–	3 positions: 1 Regional Logistics Assistant (LL) as 1 Logistics Assistant (FS); 1 Regional Logistics Assistant (LL) as 1 Logistics Officer (NPO); and 1 Air Operations Assistant (FS) as 1 Air Operations Officer (NPO)
Subtotal	**93**	
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan	**(31)**	
Establishment	6	4 positions in the provincial office in Bamyan (1 Political Affairs Officer (P-3), 1 Security Officer (FS) and 2 Political Affairs Assistant (LL)); 1 Finance Assistant (LL) in the Kuwait Joint Support Office; and 1 Political Affairs Officer (UNV) in the regional office in Paktiya (Gardez)
Abolishment	(37)	23 Field Security Guard (LL) in the Security Section; 1 Associate Finance Officer (P-2) in the Finance Section, Kuwait Joint Support Office; 2 Finance Assistant (FS) in the Finance Section, Kuwait Joint Support Office; 3 Human Resources Assistant (FS) in the Human Resources Section, Kuwait Joint Support Office; 4 Field Security Guard (LL) in the provincial office in Faryab (Maymana); and 4 Field Security Guard (LL) in the provincial office in Badakhshan (Faizabad)

	Number of positions	*Summary of proposed changes*
Relocation/redeployment	0	1 Human Rights Officer (UNV) from Human Rights Service to regional office in Paktiya; 1 Gender Affairs Officer (UNV) from Human Rights Service to regional office in Kabul; 1 Fire Safety Officer (FS) from Security Section to regional office in Kabul; 1 Security Officer (FS) from Security Section to regional office in Nangarhar (Jalalabad); 1 Receiving and Inspection Assistant (LL) from Field Technology Section to Centralized Warehousing Unit; 1 Finance and Budget Assistant (FS) from Office of the Chief of Supply Chain Management to Office of the Chief of Service Delivery; 1 Movement Control Assistant (FS) from Movement Control Unit to Aviation Section; 8 Movement Control Assistant (LL) from Movement Control Unit to Aviation Section; 3 Movement Control Assistant (LL) from Movement Control Unit to Office of the Chief of Service Delivery; 1 Movement Control Assistant (UNV) from Movement Control Unit to Aviation Section; 1 Administrative Assistant (UNV) to Office of the Chief of Supply Chain Management; 1 Associate Supply Officer (P-2) from General Supply and Fuel Unit to Centralized Warehousing Unit; 5 Supply Assistant (LL) from General Supply and Fuel Unit to Centralized Warehousing Unit; 1 Driver (LL) from Transport Unit to Front Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General; 2 Driver (LL) from Transport Unit to Front Office of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General (Development); 2 Driver (LL) from Transport Unit to Front Office of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General (Political Affairs); 1 Driver (LL) from Transport Unit to Peace and Reconciliation Office; 1 Driver (LL) from Transport Unit to Strategic Communications Service; 1 Driver (LL) from Transport Unit to Human Rights Service; 1 Driver (LL) from Transport Unit to Political Affairs Service; 1 Associate Human Rights Officer (P-2) from regional office in Kabul to regional office in Nangarhar (Jalalabad); 3 Security Officer (FS) from regional office in Kabul to Security Section; 1 Assistant Security Officer (NPO) from regional office in Kabul to Security Section; and 1 Associate Security Officer (P-2) from regional office in Nangarhar (Jalalabad) to Security Section
Reclassification	–	
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	**(52)**	
Establishment	15	4 positions in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (1 Conduct and Discipline Officer (P-3) and 3 Human Rights Officer (NPO)); 4 positions in the Office of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Political Affairs and Electoral Assistance (1 Political Affairs Officer (P-3), 1 Political Affairs Officer (NPO) and 2 Political Affairs Assistant (UNV)); 6 positions in Mission Support (1 Environmental Affairs Officer (P-3), 1 Senior Administrative Assistant (LL), 1 Dentist (NPO) and 3 Requisition Assistant (LL)); and 1 position of Associate Finance Officer (P-2) in the Kuwait Joint Support Office
Abolishment	(67)	16 positions in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (1 P-4, 1 P-2, 8 FS and 6 LL); 2 positions in the Office of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Political Affairs and Electoral Assistance (1 P-5 and 1 LL); 22 positions in the Office of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Development and Humanitarian Affairs (2 P-4, 19 NPO and 1 LL); 20 positions in Mission Support (1 P-4, 4 FS, 1 NPO and 14 LL); and 7 LL positions in the Kuwait Joint Support Office

	Number of positions	*Summary of proposed changes*
Relocation/redeployment	–	16 positions in the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (Security Section): from Erbil to Mosul (1 P-4, 4 FS and 1 LL); from Basra to Mosul (1 P-3); from Baghdad to Erbil (1 NPO); and from Baghdad to Mosul (8 FS); 20 positions in the Office of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Development and Humanitarian Affairs (Development Coordination Office): 1 P-5, 2 P-4 and 1 P-2 from Coordination Unit to Development Coordination Office; and 2 P-4, 2 P-3, 10 NPO and 2 LL from Field Unit to Development Coordination Office; Mission Support: Office of the Chief of Mission Support: 25 outward (2 P-4, 4 P-3, 9 FS, 1 NPO and 9 LL); Supply Chain Management and Service Delivery pillar: 4 inward (1 P-4 and 3 P-3) and 8 outward (2 NPO and 6 LL); Operations and Resource Management pillar: 29 inward (1 P-4, 1 P-3, 9 FS, 3 NPO and 15 LL)
Reclassification	–	5 positions: 1 Regional Mission Support Officer (P-3) as Regional Mission Support Officer (P-4); 1 Administrative Assistant (FS) as 1 Administrative Assistant (LL); 1 Telecommunications Assistant (FS) as 1 Telecommunications Assistant (LL); 1 Information Technology Assistant (FS) as 1 Information Technology Assistant (LL); and 1 Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning Technician (LL) as 1 Associate Engineer (NPO)
Subtotal	**(83)**	
Total	**148**	

Abbreviations: ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; FS, Field Service; GS (OL), General Service (Other level); LL, Local level; NPO, National Professional Officer; USG, Under-Secretary-General; UNV, United Nations Volunteer.